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Today's Times Portfolio competition prize is £4,000 – double the usual amount because no-one won yesterday. Portfolio list, page 22; how to play, information service, back page.

Interest rate cut is ruled out by Thatcher

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister yesterday ruled out an immediate cut in interest rates.

In an attempt to calm unease in the City about the latest money supply figures, Mrs Margaret Thatcher told Mr Neil Kinnock in the Commons that "right now was not the time to lower interest rates".

And when the Labour leader pressed the point by asking the Prime Minister to respond to the call by the Confederation of British Industry and manufacturers for an immediate cut in rates, Mrs Thatcher was firm.

Mr Kinnock would realize on further reflection that today was not the time to call for further cuts in interest rates, she said.

Commenting on reports about the possible consequences of a drop in oil prices, Mrs Thatcher said that a big, disruptive movement would not be in anyone's interests, but that a comparatively small movement would reduce world inflation.

She said that the Government had planned in the Autumn Economic Statement for the possibility of a small fall.

Replying to Mr Kinnock, she denied an economic policy U-turn. Mr Kinnock referred to Monday's report by the Commons Treasury committee detecting a major change and asked why Mrs Thatcher was so coy about admitting changes which had made everything dependent on high interest rates. But she said the policies would continue as formerly.

Meanwhile industrial leaders criticized Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, for missing several windows of opportunity to reduce interest rates, but stressed that the possibility of an oil price war did not lessen the need for rates to be cut.

A delegation from the CBI, led by the president, Sir James Cleminson, expressed the hope that cheaper oil prices would result in lower costs.

But members said that oil represented only 6 per cent of gross domestic product and a more competitive exchange rate would boost export opportunities.

The meeting with the Chancellor, at which the CBI presented its submission for next spring's Budget, was said to be amicable.

The CBI wants £1 billion to be diverted from tax cuts to measures to ease unemployment, more money to be spent on the infrastructure, inner city regeneration and derelict land.

● The pound's slide continued in the wake of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' decision to stop supporting prices. The sterling index fell from 80.3 to 78.9, the drop of 1.4 representing its biggest-ever one-day fall.

The pound lost nearly three cents to close at $1.4370 in London, and later slipped further to $1.4350 in New York. It dropped by nearly six pfennigs to DM3.6470 against the mark.

Oil prices on the spot market continued to weaken.

Even without the pound's weakness, hopes of lower interest rates would have been dashed by the poor money supply figures.

The sterling M3 measure of money supply rose 2 per cent last month, bank lending surged by £1,900 million, with evidence of very strong borrowing by individuals.

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Sir John Cleminson: Hoping for lower costs



Mr Leontev sleeping, or perhaps simply shamming, in his health service bed

Orgy of killings leaves Kampala near collapse

By Paul Vallely

An orgy of vigilante executions has gripped Kampala, bringing civil order in the Ugandan capital nearer to the brink of collapse.

The violence on the streets is only the latest example of society's disintegration. Reports are reaching Kampala of mutiny in the government Army; the signing of a peace agreement to end the civil war has been repeatedly postponed; hyper-inflation has gripped the economy.

The rebel army is consolidating its position within 30 miles of the capital and a frenzy of revenge killings is daily littering the streets with pulverized and dismembered corpses.

Local people call the wave of killings the *gogolimbo* which means "cleaning of the past". Its victims range from petty criminals caught in some misdemeanour to brutal officials from former administrations who may have been marked men for years.

The executioners are ordinary townsfolk who gather into packs as soon as a hue and cry is raised and descend in frenzy on their victims who are often, quite literally, pulled limb from limb.

The rule of law has been enfeebled in Kampala since the last coup in July when the international business community lost about $30 billion (£20.5 billion) of goods in a week's untrammelled pillage.

Much of the looting was done by soldiers – five rebel armies were involved in the overthrow of the Obote Government – and troops of the Ugandan National Liberation Army who dominate Kampala are regarded as the least disciplined. Many use their uniform and automatic weapons as licences for thuggery and extortion.

One British tractor importer who asked not to be identified said the looting had cost his firm alone "$1.5 billion worth of goods and spare parts". It was a serious blow to the confidence of the commercial community which lost almost as much in the previous coup which overthrew Idi Amin. "If there is yet another coup and more looting a lot if internationally financed companies will simply pull out of Uganda."

Indeed, the country's parlous economy is worsening daily. On one day in Kampala last week petrol prices rose almost 100 per cent and its newspapers have price rises which mean that by the afternoon they cost almost double the price printed on them that morning.

The movement of cash crops for export is seriously hampered. Imported items are scarce. Many basic goods are unavailable and certain drugs so scarce that vaccination certificates are handed out, at a fee.

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Peace pact to be signed on Friday

Uganda's military government and its guerrilla rivals will sign a peace agreement on Friday aimed at reuniting the country, President Moi of Kenya announced in Nairobi yesterday (AP reports).

President Moi has notified representatives of the National Resistance Army and Uganda's head of state, General Tito Okello, of the plans, according to a Voice of Kenya radio bulletin.

Cabinet ministers were in syndicates 'under question'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Two cabinet ministers, Mr Michael Jopling and Mr Nicholas Edwards, and the Government Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham, were members of Lloyd's insurance syndicates which Mr Brian Sedgemore said in a Commons motion last night "may be touched by scandal".

The allegation is bound to heighten the pressure on Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to bring Lloyd's within the regulatory regime to be provided by next week's Financial Services Bill.

Ministers, supported by the Lloyd's establishment, have so far resisted the strongest possible backbench pressure for direct action on the City's insurance market.

One of three motions tabled by Mr Sedgemore, who is campaigning for a City clean-up, said: "This House is deeply concerned about Lloyd's syndicates which have already been touched by scandal or may be touched by scandal, particularly those managed by PCW Underwriting Agencies Ltd, Alexander Howden Underwriting Ltd, R. W. Sturge and Company, H. G. Chester and Company Ltd, Sedgewick Forbes, WMD Underwriting Agencies Ltd, and Janson, Green Ltd".

It said "that the whole question of the links between syndicates and agencies on the one hand and interlinked companies involved in off shore reinsurance schemes on the other hand needs further investigation".

Mr Sedgemeore then called on members of the House associated with the syndicates before the 1982 Lloyd's Act "to use their expertise" in helping to amend the Financial Services Bill "so as to restore the good name of Lloyd's and to bring hope" to the victims of the scandal".

The Times has identified several senior ministers who were members of syndicates

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Mr Wakeham, MP, member of a Lloyd's syndicate

Mystery of the sleeping Russian

By Michael Horsnell

A Russian man has been feigning unconsciousness for nearly three weeks in hospital since police began questioning about £25,000 in French francs found on him after a road crash.

The bearded man in Hemel Hempstead general hospital, Hertfordshire, has been identified as Mr Vladimir Leontev, aged 43, an émigré who was granted refugee status by France in 1978.

Mr Leonteu was admitted to hospital for two days of observation after his hired mowed was in collision with two cars on the A5 on November 16 and then discharged.

But when police took him before magistrates at Hemel Hempstead to face a motoring charge, he slipped to the ground and appeared to pretend to be unconscious.

Police took him back to the hospital on November 20, where he has occupied a £70-a-day bed, resolutely refusing to answer questions after the hospital turned down his demand for a single room with a cooker and a nurse to read him Byron.

Mr Leontev, who speaks good English and carries French travel documents, continues to pretend that he is unconscious though he is known when nurses are not looking to sneak food from meals left for him.

University pledge to A-level pupils

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Universities are to give special consideration to A-level pupils whose education has been affected by the 10-month teachers' pay dispute.

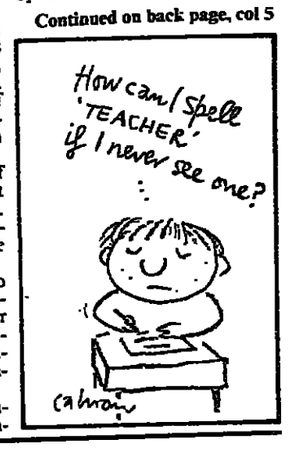
The decision comes after a letter from the Secondary Heads Association to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, which said that the lessons of substantial numbers of examination candidates had been seriously disrupted.

In one school 85 per cent of A-level lessons inone subject had been lost, the heads said. "It is inconceivable that examination results will not be affected, they said.

The heads asked Sir Keith to ensure that universities, polytechnics and colleges of further education recognized the difficulties when they were considering candidates from maintained schools next year.

"It would be very unfortunate if pupils of the independent schools, which have been untouched by the industrial action, were to benefit unfairly by its results," they said.

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Reagan says US firm on rights

Human rights will continue to have "a profound effect" on the whole US-Soviet relationship because they are fundamental to the US vision of an enduring peace, President Reagan said. He was signing a declaration marking Human Rights Day.

Bupa attack

The British United Provident Association launched a bitter attack on commercial private hospital operators, many of them American or Arab-owned.

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No-strike move

The electricians' union said it had no objection in principle to Mr Rupert Murdoch's demand for a no-strike deal at *The London Post*

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Truce in EEC chocolate war

In the latest twist in the "chocolate bar war" the European Parliament temporarily averted a confrontation with the Commission in Brussels over whether British chocolate should be relabelled to make it marketable throughout Europe. But there is still opposition from French and German Euro-MPs who say British chocolate contains more than 5 per cent of vegetable fat and is not pure.

GEC rebuffed

Plessey rejected the £1.18 billion bid from GEC as "palpably inadequate". But it suggested talks without preconditions about the System X telephone exchange system.

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Grim harvest

The tragedy of an Iowa farmer who shot his ranch manager, another farmer, his own wife and himself, has highlighted America's worst farm crisis since the 1930's

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Trade dispute

Accusing Japan of breaking its promises to open its markets, the US has listed 50 products it will restrict if Japan fails to buy more Western goods

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Sunday racing

Lord Fairhaven, the senior Jockey Club Steward, voiced his support for Sunday racing in Britain at the Gimcrack dinner.

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The price of *The Times* will be increased to 25p from Monday.

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The Queen today opens the new Cenural Health Laboratory building in north London, which will be an important weapon in the fight against infectious diseases

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Backbench humiliation for Tory

By Our Political Reporter

The two-week reign of Mr William Walker, Conservative MP for North Tayside, as chairman of the powerful Scottish backbench committee ended in humiliation yesterday.

Mr Walker, who won the post through a successful coup when English MPs were "packed" into the meeting at which the annual officer elections took place, announced that he would not be a candidate in the rerun of the election ordered by the executive of the 1922 Committee of backbenchers.

Sir Hector Monro, MP for Dumfries, the man whom Mr Walker ouste and who was seen by his colleagues as having paid the price for leading opposition to the Government's plan to close the Gartcosh rolling mill, will be re-installed in the post today without an election.

Mr Walker knew that he would have no chance of winning the election followig the ruling from Mr Cranley Onslow, chairman of the 1922 Committee, that only Scottish MPs could participate.

He had previously been vice-chairman of the committee, but gave up that post to pursue the chairmanship. Mr Nicholas Fairbarn's election as vice-chairman stands, as does that of Mr Albert McQuarrie as secretary.

Nobel prize challenged by minister

The Government yesterday challenged the controversial decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize to an anti-war group, including the Soviet deputy Health Minister, Dr Yevgeny Chazov.

The announcement by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee started a diplomatic row, and there were demonstrations at yesterday's prizegiving ceremony in Oslow.

In the Lords, Lady Young, Minister of State, Foreign Office, warned the committee that its impartiality had now been called into question. She accused the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War IPPNW of uncritically supporting Russian propaganda.

Lady Cox asked if the Government had considered following the example of West Germany's Chancellor Kohl in condemning Dr Chazov's "deplorable record in the persecution of Dr Sakharov", a reference to the dissident Soviet Physicist.

Lady Young said that a message was sent to the chairman of the Nobel Peace Prize committee in Oslo on behalf of the Conservative Party on December 6, "in terms similar to those sent by Chancellor Kohl."

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Shultz rejects PLO peace role

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, yesterday ruled out any role for the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in the Middle East peace process until and unless it accepts Israel's right to exist.

He chided European countries which have had offical contacts with PLO leaders saying that "gestures" towards the PLO while it has not accepted United Nations Security Council resolutions No 242 and 338 "only mislead its leaders into thinking their present inadequate policy is gaining them international acceptance and stature."

Mr Shultz did not say which countries he was referring to, but American officials said this remarks were not intended as an implicit criticism of Britain's abortive attempt to hold talks with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation in London two months ago.

Those talks never tonk place because one PLO member, Mr Muhammad Milhem, refused at the last moment to put his name to an agreed joint statement supporting a peaceful settelment of the Arab-Israeli dispute. Mr Shultz had privately approved of the London meeting.

His remarks were contained in a wide-ranging speech on international affairs delivered to "The Pilgrims" an Anglo-American society in London.

Arguing that "enemies of peace" were mainly responsible for violence in the Middle East, he said that from the American point of view the PLO would continue to exclude itself from the Middle East peace process so long as it rejected the two UN resolutions.

Encouraging sounds have recently been heard emanating from Amman, Jerusalem and even Damascus. These are being assessed by Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who is currently on a visit to Syria and Israel.

Mr Shultz, who also held talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday, said President Reagan's controversial Star Wars strategic defence programme would enhance, if it proves feasible, European security as well as that of the US.

It would supplement present nuclear strategy by being able to blunt the threat of SS20 and other medium-range Soviet ballistic missiles against Western Europe, he said.

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Storm over 'paltry' £17,560 for rapist's victims

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

T. women subjected to vicious and degrading sexual attacks won a total of £17,560 in damages in an unprecedented High Court claim against their attacker yesterday.

Miss D, aged 37, a rape victim who was "trussed up like a chicken", repeatedly stabbed and left to die, was awarded £10,480. Mrs Eileen Walsh, aged 36, the mother of two children, who underwent a degrading five-and-a-half hour sexual ordeal, was awarded £7,080.

The awards were attacked by MPs as paltry compared with the £45,750 damages that the trapist was awarded last year for head injuries sustained in a car crash that changed his personality.

Yesterday's awards also raised issues that provoked controversy among lawyers, legislators and women's rights groups:

- **Why did the victims of rape receive far less compensation than did the offender for the car crash that affected his personality and turned him into a rapist?**
- **Where should rape stand in the scale of damages for injuries?**
- **Will the decision encourage more women to report rapes?**
- **Will the awards lead to more such claims?**

The court decision coincided with a report from the Women's National Commission, a government advisory body, which said that many women were frightened of reporting violent crimes against them because of the callous treatment they received from the police and courts.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trend, South, said that yesterday's award were a "judicial scandal". In a letter to the Lord Chancellor, he said he was "sick to death" of judges who failed "to appreciate that rape scars a woman for life".

Mr Justice Woolf, who made the awards, said there was no direct precedent for damages in such a case and "it was only too easy to recognize that any sum of money the court can award is not going to compensate these ladies for what they have undergone, particularly where the circumstances are so distressing and sensational".

The awards were in fact the first of their kind to be brought in an English court.

The two woman brought their claim against Christopher Meah, aged 33, a cab driver, whom the same judge, Mr Justice Woolf, awarded the £45,750 damages last year. That award, which itself made legal history, was granted because Meah would not have committed the attacks but for the injuries he sustained.

The judge said yesterday that Meah's behaviour was appalling and he had behaved in "an extremely obscene and terrifying manner". Both women were victims of "vicious sexual attacks" which left them anxious, depressed and damaged their relationships with men.

But it was important to relate the damages to awards made in more conventional actions for injury compensation, he said. "Although these ladies underwent terrible experiences, sadly, as a result of traffic accidents, others undergo experiences which are every bit as cataclysmic."

The damages in each case were aggravated, the judge said, because both women knew their attacker, the assaults took place in their own homes, a knife was used and because of the circumstances of each assault.

The awards are considerably larger than those already obtained by the women from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, which uses £2,750 as its starting figure for awards in rape cases. Miss D was awarded £3,600 by the board and Mrs Walsh £1,000. They are now obliged to pay those sums back under the board's rules.

Miss Judit Kertesz, of Women Against Rape, said last night that it was unjust that the women received much smaller sums than the man who attacked them.

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Electricians may break union ranks over Murdoch no-strike deal

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The attempt to form a united front among print unions over *The London Post*, which is to be published by News International next March, came under considerable strain yesterday.

Electricians' leaders indicated that, unlike other unions, they had no "principled objections" to the stringent demands made by Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of the newspaper group, who is insisting on a legally-binding no-strike deal.

Talks between Mr Murdoch and print union leaders in London yesterday ended in deadlock without a shift in management's position. Both sides have however agreed to meet again, with the prospect of an exclusive agreement, with the electricians' union now moving closer.

On Monday the Printing Industries Committee of the TUC recommended a joint meeting with the company at which the movement's opposition to the proposed industrial relations structure would be made clear. A letter from Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, was later sent to all print union general secretaries, urging solidarity.

But before yesterday's meeting with Mr Murdoch, the executive of the right-led Electrical Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) put out a statement for the benefit of both the company and other unions, making it clear that a legally-binding agreement could not be ruled out. The union already has a long-standing deal with electrical contractors which is backed by law.

The electricians' executive however would seek "satisfactory workforce consultation and involvement" as a quid pro quo.

The EETPU has more than a dozen "strike-free' deals with electronics comanies and saw no difficulty in concluding an accord which made industrial action "unnecessary". As to Mr Murdoch's requirement that there should be no closed shop at the new newspaper, the electricians' leaders replied that its policy was to leave such an issue to a secret ballot.

Other unions however will find it difficult, if not impossible, to adjust to the terms of the proposal. The national council of the National Graphical Association meets today to discuss the situation and the executive of the National Union of Journalists is due to meet next weekend. Some journalists' leaders will be calling on the union's leadership to come out against no-strike deals as a matter of policy.

A meeting of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades executive yesterday backed the TUC's call for unity and heard that some chapels (office branches) at *The Sun* and the *News of the World* were calling for strike action in response to the company's demands.

Mr Murdoch has said that if he can conclude a satisfactory deal for *The London Post* at the new plant in Wapping, he would then attempt to negotiate an agmment for the transfer of production of *The Sun* and *News of the World* to the complex.

● There was some doubts last night over whether Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of Mirror Group Newspapers had secured all 2,000 redundancies he was seeking as part of his "survival plan".

Mr Maxwell said that he had achieved the efficiency measures he had sought by yesterday's deadline, but Ms Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat put the figure at substantially less than 2,000, possibly as little as 1,000.

One explanation of the difference was that some functions at MGN's headquarters at Holborn Circus were being contracted out, but that Mr Maxwell had offered assurances on jobs to those who would be employed by the new companies.

Mr Maxwell's office doubted whether Ms Dean would know precisely what the overall figure for job cuts would be.

Meanwhile Mr Maxwell's British Newspaper Printing Corporation sent out letters to employees at the Thomson Withy Grove printing plant at Manchester offering 400 jobs if his company takes over the works in the New Year.

Discussions involving print union leaders and Thomson International, owners of the Manchester plant, continued last night.

The Manchester works prints the northern editions of *The Mirror, Sunday Mirror, Daily Telegraph* and *News of the World*.

● Journalists' leaders at the *Daily Telegraph* group are urging Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade, to impose conditions on Mr Conrad Black if his take over of the company is backed by the Government.

The Office of Fair Trading has recommended that Mr Black, a Canadian businessman, should be allowed to assume control of the company, which is in considerable financial difficulty.

● Production at *The Guardian* on Monday night was halted by only 18 messengers, who stopped work to hold a disruptive meeting that lasted two hours before management were forced to cancel that night's paper (Colin Hughes writes).

The messengers' task is to carry copy around the building, from copytakers who receive agency copy on tapes, and from outside the building, to the sub-editors and news desk who handle it.

They are also responsible for carrying copy marked up for printing to compositors, two floors away, who then set it. A *Guardian* management source accepted yesterday that it seemed "incredible" that an entire day's production could collapse because piles of paper were not being moved by such a small group of people.

"It is a classic example of traditional practice in Fleet Street." Most of the copy needed only to be torn from tape machines and taken 10 yards across the room to journalists' desks. "But, as we all know, no one else is going to perform a job which is traditionally done by others, and so we decided that, since it was getting too late in the day to produce a proper paper, we would have to cancel production."

● Mr Eddie Shah yesterday announced an agreement with W. H. Smith to distribute large numbers of his national newspaper, planned to be launched next March.



The United States Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, being welcomed to 10 Downing Street by Mrs Thatcher yesterday, when he arrived for talks.

Many rapes 'still unreported'

By Patricia Clough

Many women are still frightened of reporting rape and violence against them because of the callous treatment they receive from the police and the courts. Women's National Commission said in a report published yesterday.

The commission voiced "serious concern" that 10 years after the Heilbron committee on rape law recommended that the victims be given anonymity, many courts are still allowing the women's names and personal details to appear in the press.

It was equally concerned that nine years after the Sexual Offences Amendment Act gave victims a degree of protection against humiliating cross-examination on their sexual history, courts are still allowing it to be dragged out.

Although more women are seeking justice nowadays, the report says "evidence from crime surveys and general surveys suggest that a very high proportion of rapes and sexual assaults are not reported".

The Police Federation, commenting on criticism of officers' attitudes to rape offences, said: "The police would not accept that a callous approach is typical. That suggestion is very unhelpful and damaging. Very often if this does occur it is through inexperience rather than malice."

The federation said that police had been taking steps to improve investigation techniques in rape cases, including the counselling of victims, but financial constraints impeded progress on such things as purpose-built examination rooms in police stations for doctors.

The commission, a government advisory body, found great differences throughout Britain in the way police are trained to deal with rape ans sexual assault.

"Legislation designed to assist women victims and guidance given to police and other authorities is not fully and consistenly implemented," Mrs Ann Harris, who led the working group on violence against women, said. The Metropolitan Police was singled out as having done much to improve the handling of rape cases.

The commission called for a tougher attitude by police towards wife-battering and said that officers should be encouraged to arrest violent partners who ignore injunctions.

Much domestic violence is never reported. A member of the working group said a Scottish survey showed that a quarter of reported cases of violence were domestic "and those are only the tip of the iceberg". The report recommends:

● Better training of police to deal with rape cases, including explanation of "rape trauma syndrome", which makes many victims feel shame and guilt, blame themselves and mistrust men.

● Victims should be able to make their statements to police-women, and that the police forces should recruit more women surgeons pr part-time women doctors.

● A change in the law so that the rapist cannot claim he assumed that resistance to his attack was a form of enticement. The Law Commission should assess public support for making all rape within marriage a crime.

Tenants are £200m in debt to councils

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Local councils are owed more than £200 million in rent arrears, with some tenants having not made payments for years, it was disclosed last night. In inner London alone, £60 million rent is unpaid, equivalent to £140 for every council home.

The size of the arrears, equivalent to 5.8 per cent of collectable rent, has infuriated ministers. Yesterday Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, fired the first shot in a campaign aimed at making local authorities collect much of the outstanding money.

In a letter to leaders of local authority organizations, Mr Patten said: "This is an appalling and, to a large extent, avoidable waste of resources. Failure to collect income due helps no one, least of all the tenant allowed to build up a millstone of debt."

Mr Patten is asking councils what plans they have to reduce "the current totally unacceptable level of arrears".

It is estimated that rate arears from council tenants could amount to another £100 million.

If local authorities do not put their house in order within the next few months ministers will consider draconian measures, including the withholding of central government grant.

A table of local authorities with the worst record for rent arrears will be published in an attempt to shame councils into action.

Mr Patten is known to be irritated by the appeals from local authorities for more cash for housing while coucils are failing to collect the large sum of owed money which coyuld be spent on repairs and renovation to homes.

In this year's public expenditure battle with the Treasury, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, won an extra £220 million for housing, just £15 million more than the rent arrears total.

Councils owed the most cash

London	
Southwark	£11m
Lambeth	£9.5m
Hackney	£9.2m
Lewisham	£7.3m
Brent	£5.3m
Islington	£4.9m
Haringey	£4.9m
Waltham Forest	£3.1m
Outside London	
Wolverhampton	£4.2m
Coventry	£1.6m

Tax change for couples condemned by peers

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

The Chancellor's plan for "transferable" tax allowances for husbands and wives has been condemned by a House of Lords committee even before its details have been revealed.

The committee, heade by Lady Serta, says that "the issue of transferable allowances provides a crucial test of the strength of commitment to equality for women" and that the Chancellor's scheme "could cause serious friction within the family".

Lady Serota's sub-committee of the House of Lords Committe on the European Communites recommends a system of totally independent taxation of the earned incomes of husbands and wives. Treating them like two single people would, the committee argues, most ensure equal treatment for men and women, and be in line with a recommendation of the European Commission.

The committee rejects Mr Nigel Lawson's proposals for a system in which husbands and wives could each transfer their tax allowances to their marriage partners if they themselves had no income to set against such allowances. His scheme would boost family incomes when only one of a couple worked, but the committee says it would "create a substantial disincentive to wives seeking paid employment".

Although the Chancellor is planning to cut income tax rates rather than increase tax allowances in his next Budget, he has promised a "green paper" outlining his proposed changes, which would be implemented when the Inland Revenue is sufficiently computerized. This green paper was originally promised for the autumn, but publication has slipped and it may not now be produced until the day of the Budget.

The committee points out that more married men now have working wives. Its members strongly recommend that special help for those with children should be provided through income maintenance rather than through the taxation system.

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Two cleared of corruption

A Home Office official and a former government economic adviser were both cleared by the Central Criminal Court of corruption charges yesterday. Judge Lymbery, QC, directed the jury to acquit Mr Kenneth Hawkins, aged 57, and Mr Leonard Richenberg, aged 62, because he said, the case against them, had been "devastated" by the prosecution's own witnesss.

Mr Hawkins, of Cherry Treee Road, Chinor, Oxfordshire, who worked in the Home Office industries department, and Mr Richenberg, of Sutherland Avenue, Maida Vale, north London, a company director, denied bribery over an alleged £2,000 loan involved in a contract to produce toys in prisons.

Drive to increase job training

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A drive to improve training in British industry is to be launched after publication yesterday of a report highly critical of management. New legislation could be introduced.

The report, drawn up by the City accountants Coopers & Lybrand for the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) and the National Economic Development Office (NEDO), accuses companies of complancy and urges business to invest more in training.

The report, entitled *A Challenge to Complacency*, comes down largely against legislation, but in at least two areas it appears likely that some new law will be introduced.

Coopers & Lybrand suggest the introduction of a training credit system, perhaps backed by law, under which employers and workers would put equal amounts of money into a fund which would finance training.

A second possible area for legislation, drawing on experience in West Germany, would be to give bodies such as chambers of commerce rights to encourage companies to do more training.

The report also recommends the introduction of the equivalent of a Queen's Award for training, an explanation of a company's training programme in its annual reports, possible tax incentives, and a revised system of training qualifications.

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Reform plan for Liverpool union

By our Labour Editor

The biggest union representing manual workers in Liverpool yesterday approved an internal shakeup of its Merseyside branches designed to make shop stewards more representative of their 9,500 members employed by the city council.

At the same time, the union is expected to inquiry formally into specific complaints laid against a small group of shop stewards who supported the Militant-dominated council during its recent financial crisis.

The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union be undertaken by its Liverpool regional committee into the negotiating structure in he city and is likely to mean radical reforms of the joint shop stewards' committee.

The committee, whose chairman Mr Ian Rose, a prominent Militant supporter and secretary, Mr Peter Lennard, are both GMBATU members, supported the city council despite the opposition of some of the constituent union branches represented on the committee.

Although the committee originally represented all the unions covering council workers in the city, it now consists only of shop stewards from four, GMBATU, the Transport and General, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

Of these, easily the biggest in the area is GMBATU although its white-collar section in the city has been among the organizations that have defected from the joint stewards' body.

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Dame Vera Lynn and Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, at yesterday's Variety Club of Great Britain Christmas luncheon in London (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Wage levels

TUC target seen as too high

By Donald Macintyre, Labour Editor

The TUC's minimum wage target of £104 a week is seen as "impossibly high" by seasoned negotiators in several important sectors employing low paid workers, according to a confidential document that will be discussed by senior leaders today.

In a sober and realistic study of the policy a future Labour government might pursue on low wages, the TUC document says that "even a voluntary target of around £100 per week can appear remote from the collective bargaining experience of union officers".

The docuent going before today's meeting of the TUC economic committee makes it clear that the £104 target – based on two-thirds of the avcrage earnings of manual workers – has been rejected as too high by the TUC committee representing womenn workers and that covering the textiles, clothing and footwear industries.

It argues that while the overall effect on the economy of bringing a minimum wage up to £100 per week would not necessarily "represent a significant test to the economy as a whole or to the exchequer", that cannot be said for "those sectors with significant percentages of low-pai workers".

The document will form the basis of intensive discussion over the next few months on whether a statutory minimum wage should form part of Labour's manifesto as the next general election approaches.

It will be considered by the TUC Labour Party Liaison Committee at a meeting next Monday which Mr Neil Kinnock, the partyleader, and Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, are expected to attend.

In a move which will be welcomed by some Labour movement supporters of an incomes policy, the report goes further than at any time in the past in making it clear that any statutory minimum wage target has to be judged in the context of overall economic policy.

The paper says that the indirect "knock-on" costs are more difficult to judge, but discloses that estimates done for the Labour Government in 1969 estimated that a national minimum wage of £15 – equivalent to £100 now – put the total cost at between 7 per cent and 17 per cent.

However, the paper argues, the indirect effect might be less than that under present circumstances.

The tone of thhe document suggests that TUC leaders will be advised not to continue updating their minimum wage targets in line with inflation and indeed possibly even to reduce it.

The committee will also consider today a draft budget submission prepared to be sent to Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of thhe Exchequer, which envisages a progressive £9.5 billion injection into the economy over the next five years.

Treasury pay plan rejected

A special conference of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation decided almost unanimously yesterday to reject the Treasury's proposal for a long term pay system for the Civil Service and to urge the union's 60,000 members to throw out the deal when they are balloted.

The conference in London also agreed by a large majority to hold a ballot on the establishment of a political fund with a strong recommendation to the membership for a "yes" vote.

Police 'face wartime stress'

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The recent sharp rise in police casualty figures reflected the increasing danger of police work, Lord Trenchard said yesterday.

"The stresses and strains mentally on officers facing angry crowds and riots are producing the same problems as in wartime", he added.

More police officers have been killed in the past five years than in any decade since the nineteenth century. Last year, 15 were killed in England and Wales and, in London alone, of the 9,500 who were injured, most were treated in hospital.

It is in response to this situation that a £3million treatment and convalescent centre for the police is to be opened in Oxfordshire with accommodation for 50 patients.

Police officers are raising £1million towards the £3million cost of purchase and conversion of the centre, Flint House, in 14 acres of wooded grounds near Goring-on-Thames. A charitable trust has granted a further £500,000, leaving £1.5million to be raised by public appeal.

The Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, as patrons, have made the first donations to the appeal. Other patrons include the leaders of the four main political parties and Lord Trenchard is chairman of the appeal council.

The centre will seat up to 100 in the dining room and will have a physiotherapy area, hydrotherapy and leisure pools, and exercise room. Six bedrooms are designed to take wheelchair patients. The centre will supplement work done by two convalescent homes

Cheques should be made payable to the Police Convalescence and Rehabilitation Appeal Trust and sent to the appeal director at Room 203, Tintagel House, Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TT.

New curbs on waste dumping

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

The Government acted yesterday to prevent a waste-dumping price war from endangering public health.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the law needed to be applied equally to all dumpers and several loopholes would have to be closed.

His department explained later that some local councils were less strict than others in applying laws against careless or dangerous dumping of demolition wastes and industrial chemicals.

There was now a price war in which companies which disposed of waste created by industry were undercutting each other. Standards were being cut so much in some areas that they might eventually endanger health.

At the moment councils which are asked to issue licences for dumping have to do so, as long as no health danger is involved. But breaking the terms of a licence is not in itself an offence. Councils cannot refuse to issue a licence just because the applicant has been convicted of illicit dumping.

There are now 5,000 such licences and the Government wants to close both loopholes. But Professor Sir Richard Southwood, chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, said that its plans would not be enough to create an unbroken chain of responsibility from the creation of waste to its dumping.

Burglar tackled

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, tackled a man who was attempting to burgle his home in College Road, Dulwich, south London, and forced him to flee empty-handed.

Nurses 'need 46% rise' for parity of earnings

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Nurses would need pay increases of up to 24 per cent next April to restore earnings to their 1975 level, and increases of up to 46 per cent to match the rise in earnings of non-manual workers in the past ten years, nurses' organizations have told their pay review body.

In spite of this year's phased pay award, averaging 8.6 per cent, for nurses and midwives, most nurses have done no more than keep pace with the rise in cost of living this year, and the gap between nurses' pay and that of other non-manual workers "grows ever wider", the nurses said in evidence.

The Royal College of Nursing said that starting salaries for enrolled and staff nurses of £5,270 and £6,000 "are a totally inadequate level of remuneration for the responsibility carried", and it was "patently wrong" that nurses who acquire specialist skills and extra qualifications rarely receive extra money.

The college's evidence also contains a warning that student nurses are being exploited and "patient care is put a risk" by using students to staff wards, sometimes even leaving them in charge at night and weekends. Nursing education was suffering as a result.

The nurses and midwives professional organizations are divided, however, over a hint from the review body that midwives might receive special attention this year.

The Royal College of Midwives argued that nurses who train to become midwives suffer because their pay is linked to basic nursing rates. With vacancies for midwives running at 14 per cent, and for midwifery tutors at 16 per cent, standards of care for mothers-to-be are being jeopardized.

The Royal College of Nursing argued that midwives should not be singled out for special treatment until a thorough evaluation of all nursing grades was completed.

The National Union of Public Employess, in its evidence, called for an independent pay study on the lines of those by Halsbury in 1975 and Clegg in 1980, when nurses received big pay increases.

Mayhew rules on Masonry

The Government rejected yesterday a call for judges and magistrates to be compelled to disclose membership of Freemasonary as "a very dangerous infraction of personal privacy".

In a Commons written reply, the Solicitor General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, told Mr John Fraser, Labour MP for Norwood: "There is no evidence to justify the discrimination between Freemasonary and other forms of voluntary associations".

Robbery charge

Det Sergeant Graham Derek Sayer, aged 39, of the Thames Valley Police, was remanded in custody for three days by Mansfield magistrates yesterday, charged with armed robbery. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Esso pay deal

Union leaders representing Esso's 1,000 tanker drivers accepted yesterday a pay rise of 5.4 per cent in addition to an earlier 9 per cent productivity agreement which involved changes in working practices and a reduction of about 200 jobs.

Jasmine appeal

Miss Gumm Wahlstrom and Mrs Diane Dietmann, the two social workers dismissed over the Jasmine Beckford case, want to appeal, in spite of the decision by colleagues not to support them with strike action.

Swimming the most lethal sport

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Swimming causes more deaths than any other leisure activity, figures published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys yesterday suggest.

In 1983 there were 742 deaths from drowning, slightly fewer than in 1982. While there is no breakdown available of how many were simple accidents from people falling or slipping in the water rather than drowning while swimming, the numbers are so much larger than deaths from other sports that swimming may well be the chief cause of death in leisure and sporting activities.

Twenty-eight people drowned while taking part in non-swimming sports. Of those, nine died while fishing, four while canoeing, and five while boating. Horse riding claimed 18 lives, mountaineering and rock climbing 12, motor sports 14, air sports eight and ball games eight.

Football claimed five lives, but rugby, traditionally seen as a dangerous game, only two.

The statistians hopes to identify the riskiest sports by relating the numbers of deaths to the numbers participating.

Men are most at risk of death during sporting and leisure activity. Only in horse riding, where 13 women died, more than half of them aged under 25, did deaths among women outstrip those amongst men.

PC's widow in funeral ban

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The widow of Constable Keith Blakelock, the police officer killed during the Tottenham riot two months ago, has rejected a request from Mr Bernie Grant to attend her husband's funeral today.

Mr Grant, Labour leader of Haringey council, aroused widespread condemnation when he refused initially to criticize the rioters.

A senior police officer at Hornsey police station said yesterday that it would have been "extremely distressing and highly insensitive" if Mr Grant had insisted on attending.

A spokesman for Scotland Yard said enfry to the church would be by ticket only, and that the church was full.

Correction

A report on November 16 of a case involving art forgeries, heard at Edinburgh Sheriff Court, referred to the possibility of fakes in the Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh. Sixty six paintings seized during prosecution inquiries had been stored in the gallery and no question of their being hung there was raised during the hearing.

The Times overseas selling prices
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Bupa launches a fierce attack on 'for profit' private hospital market

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Britain's biggest private health insurer, the British United Provident Association (Bupa), launched a bitter attack yesterday on commercial, for-profit, private hospital operators, many of them owned by United States or Arab interests.

Without naming names, Mr Bob Graham, chief executive of Bupa, said that the rising cost of private medical care, driven up by the desire for a return on investment, was now "the biggest threat" to the private sector.

"The pursuit of profit is introducing new inflationary pressures on costs", he told a conference of senior business managers in London, adding that it is "all too easy to kill the goose which lays the golden eggs".

Mr Graham's comments came after the rapid expansion of groups based in the United States, such as American Medical International, expansion by the Kuwait-backed St Martin's Hospitals, and increasing interest in Britain by a host of other American-based health care companies.

More than half the private acute hospital beds in this country are now owned by commercial "profit-driven" operators, Mr Graham said, about half belonging to foreign-based groups which "will expect to repatriate sufficient funds to satisfy their home-based shareholders some time in the future.

"For the first time, the traditional not-for-profit hospital groups and provident associations are facing a competitive challenge from organizations which have entered the market not just to make money out of it, but also to take that money out of this country.

"The recent injection of commercialism goes against the grain of tradition in this country where the care of the sick has always transcended commercial interest."

He said that companies and individuals would only opt for private medicine "so long as it remains affordable.

"We must not forget that in this country the National Health Service exists as a free alternative and, despite its drawbacks, if people can no longer afford private medicine it is a safety net upon which they can fall back."

The pursuit of high financial return was probably behind recent developments such as a private casualty centre, a head injuries unit, and the recent expansion into drug abuse and alcoholism facilities, he said.

Again, without naming American Medical International, he said some new projects such as a psychiatric unit for detained state patients and a centre for disturbed adolescents "have yet to prove their social and ethical acceptability.

"There is in many of these ventures an element of experimentation and kite flying; by creating the facilities their owners hope to stimulate demand and to encourage patients and companies to pressure the insurers to provide coverage."

Mr Graham's attack comes after steep rises well ahead of inflation in premiums for private health insurance.

In January, Bupa's subscriptions will rise by between 8 and 17 per cent, with the association saying that private medical inflation is running at 15 per cent a year, three times that recorded in the retail price index. Last year premium increases among the provident associations ran at between 12 and 23 per cent when inflation was 5 per cent.

● A campaign to promote and protect the National Health Service was launched yesterday, bringing together for the first time in one group health service unions, the royal colleges of medicine, patients' organizations and nursing and other professional organizations.

With Sir Douglas Black, former president of the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Physicians, as its president-elect, the campaign, Health Concern aims to combat the squeeze on health service spending and to advocate the principles on which the service was founded.



The Princess of Wales and Mrs Jenny Fernandes, senior supervisor, enjoying the royal visit to the Beta Project (Betham Estate Tenants' Association) Childsplay Group in Islington, north London, yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Bishops to revise Holy Week liturgy

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Prayers that could be regarded as anti-Semitic have been excluded from the new Holy Week liturgy of the Church of England on the instructions of the House of Bishops. The liturgy, published yesterday, contains instead a newly composed set of Good Friday "reproaches" replacing the medieval version now in use.

The bishops' decision, which it is understood was largely at the instigation of the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, who is himself a Jewish Christian, overruled the Church's liturgical commission, which did not agree with it.

The traditional reproaches are a series of protests, put as if spoken by Christ in the first person singular, at the way the people of Israel had rejected him.

Theologically "Israel" in such a context is understood to refer to both the people of the Old Covenant (the Jews) and of the New (the church); but the bishops felt it was open to the interpretation that the Jews were collectively responsible for Christ's death, the ancient Christian charge against the Jews of "deicide". The liturgical commission felt a well-instructed congregation could not have made that mistake.

The new book contains authorized rites for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the Easter Vigil. There are also two penitential services, to which is appended a form of words for use in individual private confession.

Neither the 1662 Book of Common Prayer nor the 1980 Alternative Service Book contained detailed rites for performance in Holy Week.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter Services and Prayers; Church House Publishing, Great Smith Street, London SW1; £12.50 (hardback), £2.95 (paperback), on sale from January 9.

Tay Bridge disaster finding challenged

The Tay Bridge disaster of 1879, which claimed 77 lives, was the result of poor design and could not have been avoided by higher standards of construction, according to new evidence published yesterday.

Bolts on the bridge which were crucial were not strong enough to hold it in a force 10 wind, and this design error meant the structure was doomed to failure.

The finding, by Professor Iain MacLeod, challenges the view that the disaster was caused by a combination of bad design and bad construction. He bases his verdict on research carried out by Mr Tom Martin, a British Steel Corporation mathematician, from Motherwell, who subjected the piers of the bridge to modern analysis techniques.

Professor MacLeod, of the structural engineering department of Strathclyde University, presented the findings at a meeting last night of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland and the Scottish Association of Metals.

The disaster, on the night of December 29, sent a train plunging 90 feet into the River Tay when the bridge, between Fife snd Dundee, collapsed

Police killing trial jury retires

The jury at the Central Criminal Court trying two men accused of murdering Det Con John Fordham retired to consider their verdicts yesterday, after the judge completed two days of summing up.

Kenneth Noye, aged 37, a builder, of Hollywood Cottage, West Kingsdown, Kent, and Brian Reader, aged 45, unemployed, of Winn Road, Grove Park, south-east London, deny murdering Det Con Fordham on January 26 this year. The officer, dressed in full camouflage kit, was stabbed 10 times on Mr Noye's property.

The Biblical 'cure' for Aids

By Alan Hamilton

Be it anaesthetics or Aids, hypothermia or holistic medicine, there is virtually no ailment or treatment known to modern medicine that is not mentioned in the Bible, according to Dr John Gwilt, a leading chemist and vice-president of a big drug company.

At the same time, any modern doctor ought to be able to offer an explanation of how David slew Goliath. The big man probably suffered from acromegaly, caused by a tumour of the pituitary gland producing growth hormone and compressing the optic nerve, thus allowing the little man to sneak up on his blind side.

Dr Gwilt, addressing the Society of Apothecaries in London last night on "Biblical ills and remedies", said that a precursor of the Aids epidemic was the plague which hit the Israelites in the plains of Moab, probably caused by a particularly virulent sexually-transmitted disease to which they had no immunity, contracted after their contact with Moabite religious prostitutes.

Moses contained it by destroying all potential carriers.

The first recorded health service organized by the priests for the Israelites in the wilderness, included a diet low in animal fats.

Hypothermia, distressingly common among the elderly today, appears to rate only one mention. King David kept it at bay in his old age by having Abishag the Shunamite girl tucked up in bed with him.

In one hypothesis which strikes dangerously close to the heart of Christian belief, Dr Gwilt suggested that the reported instances of Christ raising the dead may have been no more than patients recovering from the cataleptic fits.

Old records made to play again

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Blemishes which make rare recordings on wax cylinders, 78 rpm records and tapes unplayable are being removed by advanced computer techniques.

At a demonstration of the process at the British Library National Sound Archive, in London, two classic performances made more than 75 years ago were recreated yesterday.

One was the song "Do You Remember?", recorded on cylinder in 1903 by the tenor Irving Gillette and the other was a rendition of the "Hang Out More Banners" speech from Macbeth by Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson in 1910.

Using what is described as the first specially designed digital sound-processing studio, performances of classical music and jazz, political speeches and readings are being recovered.

The aim is to ensure that the more than a million recordings held in the archives can be reproduced to broadcasting standards.

Equipment produced by a specialist audio equipment company, Neve Electronics of Royston, Hertfordshire, will be used to convert the archive's collection into digital format.

Old recordings are translated from their traditional form into a digital format for the "remixing" process

Austin put faith in Sterling

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Austin Rover is returning to the American market with a sterling image of silver, luxury and traditional British qualities.

The company has adopted the name Sterling for its cars on sale in the United States, where the names Austin and Rover make little impact, after research in New York, California and Florida. Hundreds of names were suggested, including such old favourites as Triumph and MG, but Sterling was the most popular.

The first car to carry the new name will be the Rover replacement, codenamed Project XX, which goes on sale in the United States in early 1987. It will be called the Rover 800 when it is launched in Britain and Europe next summer.

The gap between the present Rover 200 series of 1.3 and 1.6 litre cars and the big Rover 800 will permit other versions of the new executive saloon to be called Rover 400 and Rover 600.

Choosing a name for a single car, let alone a whole marque, is becoming an enormous problem for car makers. The best names were snapped up long ago and registered in their thousands as protected trademarks. It costs between £200 and £300 to register a name

'No blame' over gun death

The father of Ian Rogers, the teenager who was killed at the home of Mike Reid, the comedian, said yesterday that Ian and Mike Reid's son, Mark Reid had been "skylarking around" with guns.

Mr Alec Rogers blamed no one the tragedy. He said Ian was handling a flint-lock pistol and Mark held a shotgun when the shot was fired at the Reids' farmhouse at Great Easton, Essex, on Monday.

Mr Rogers, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, added: "They did not realize there was a shell in the shotgun.

Mark Reid was interviewed at Saffron Walden police station before being released. A file on the case is being sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Tennis coaches dismissed for refusing to sweep up

Two professional tennis coaches were dismissed by the former Davis Cup player David Lloyd after they refused to sweep up at his club, a Chelsea industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Mr Tom Morgan and Mr Hugh Latham, who worked at the David Lloyd and Slazenger Racket Club in Hounslow, west London, were told in September to help with the annual cleaning.

Mr Latham, aged 25, a graduate and former junior county tennis player for Middlesex who earned up to £300 a week, told the preliminary hearing yesterday: "We disagreed with being asked to clean the club, and went to discuss the matter with David Lloyd.

"Tom already had lessons booked for that day and I was in the process of organizing lessons. The matter was not resolved and it ended up with Mr Lloyd telling us to go".

Mr Latham, of Barnes, south-west London, claimed that Mr Lloyd told them they could work for a further eight days to carry out coaching

"But when we went to look at the rota both my pupils and Tom's for the following week had been allocated to other coaches," he said.

Mrs Gabrielle Crawford, aged 38, of Parsons Green, south-west London, said Mr Lloyd told her that the coaches had originally been given eight days notice, "but bearing in mind their behaviour" they were going to be dismissed earlier.

The hearing was told that standards were high at the exclusive club. Coaches were warned about sloppy dress by Mr Lloyd, and were banned for two months if they refused sessions at short notice.

The hearing was adjourned until January 6.



Mr Tom Morgan (top) and Mr Hugh Latham, the dismissed coaches.

Schoolgirl denies she 'fantasized'

A schoolgirl aged 15 who said her headmaster had secret sex sessions with her in the dormitory was accused yesterday of making up the story becaue she had a "crush" on him.

The girl, named only as Miss X, denied that she fantasised about Michael Bettsworth, aged 42, or that she enjoyed the interest her stories stirred up on fellow pupils at a Grammar Schol near Truro, Cornwall.

Mr Bettsworth has pleaded not guilty at Bodmin Crown Court to two offences of unlawful sex with Miss X when she was aged 14 and 15, and two offences of indecent assault, one on Miss X and one on another girl.

Miss X, who is fair haired, has been compared by the prosecution to a "Lolita" and described as "no angel". She has claimed that Mr Bettsworth, a father of three had sexual relations with her on about five occasions in her dormitory, and once had oral sex with her in his study.

Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, for the defence suggested that Miss X told other pupils she had sex with Mr Bettsworth in his study "almost every night". She denied that, but agreed she was not very popular at the school.

She admitted that pupils, inlcuding one of two with whom she had had sexual relations, called her a "dog," meaning she was a slut and sexually promiscuous.

The trial continues today.

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Now not the time for a cut in interest rates

THE ECONOMY

Right now was not the time to lower *interest rates*, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, told Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, during Commons exchanges about the possible *consequences of a fall in oil prices.*

She also told Mr Timothy Yeo (Suffolk South, C) that a big, disruptive movement in the price of oil would not be in anyone's *interests but a comparatively small* movement would reduce world inflation.

The Autumn Statement had taken into account the possibility of *a small fall, she added.*

Mr Yeo began the questions by asking Mrs Thatcher if she had seen some of the alarmist reports that day about the possible consequences of a drop in oil prices.

He asked if Mrs Thatcher shared his view that this gloom was largely misplaced because if the price of oil *declined and this led to a reverse of* the recent strength of sterling there would be a direct benefit to British exporters and a general boost to international trade, the most likely *overall result being a further* strengthening in Britain's already healthy balance of payments.

Mr Kinnock, asking if the Prime Minister had seen the Treasury Select Committee report on the Autumn Statement, asked: Will she tell the committee and me why she is so coy about explicitly admitting to the major changes in economic policy which have made everything dependent upon high interest rates?

How will she respond to the Confederation of British Industry *call for an immediate cut in interest* rates?

Do her Budget intentions still include tax cuts as the Chancellor has repeatedly inferred?

Does she intend to continue selling off public assets to finance the consequences of her economic failures?

Mrs Thatcher replied that Government policy depended on those things which the Chancellor had often set out and had set out in his Autumn Statement.

He had not given a fiscal adjustment. There used not to be a fiscal adjustment given in the past. That had been temporarily changed. The Chancellor had wisely returned to previous practice.

The privatization programme would go ahead. The public sector borrowing requirement, either including or excluding the assets of the privatization programme, was still a smaller percentage of gross domestic product than since 1971-72, so policies will continue as formerly. Mr Kinnock would agree that right now was not the time to lower interest rates.

Mr Kinnock said the select committee had not been convinced by the Chancellor's responses. Nobody could be convinced by Mrs Thatcher's responses.

How will she respond (he asked) to the call by the CBI and by manufacturers and employers throughout the country for an immediate cut in interest rates?

Mrs Thatcher said that Mr Kinnock, on further reflection, would realize that today was not the time to call for further cuts in interest rates.

Though a 1 per cent cut in interest rates would be of the order of £250 million to benefit industry, a 1 per cent lesser increase in wage rate rises would benefit them by £1 billion, so they would know where to get the greater amount.

Mr Richard Douglas (Dunfermline West, Lab): How is she going to ensure a small reduction in world oil prices in view of the profligacy of the Government in producing 2.7 million barrels per day from the North Sea?

Mrs Thatcher: The Autumn *Statement already made provision* for a small change in oil prices. It is not for any one of us to be able to affect a change in world oil prices up or down.

MPs accused of hiding interests

CHANNEL LINK

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs that it was a matter of honour for them to include their involvement in any enterprise in the Register of Members' Interests. He had been inundated with complaints that Conservative MPs with interests in the Channel link had not entered them in the register.

The issue was raised in the Commons at the end of Prime Minister's question time by Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) who referred to the BBC Television's *Newsnight* programme on Monday. He said the programme had disclosed that certain MPs had not entered their interests before the debate on the Channel fixed link.

Since Mr Speaker (he said) you are responsible for the register being properly drawn up, are you satisfied that this is being brought up to date?

Are you satisfied that on the question of the sale of Cable and Wireless that certain people concerned with the sale in stock broking do not include a minister for employment, the Member for Rossendale (Mr David Trippier) whose firm, remarkably, has been *granted an opportunity to take part* in that sale? It is a family firm and he (Mr Trippier) was a partner until recently. His father is a consultant and his sister is also a partner.

I believe this borders on corruption and ought to be examined.

The Speaker: I was in the Chamber last night when the programme went out so I did not see it but I have read about it. The whole House knows that interests must be registered in the Register of Members' Interests.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said this raised the larger issue of financial rewards paid to MPs by companies seeking a certain contract for the Channel link. The programme demonstrated the pressure put by companies and the payments made to MPs. No indication was given in the register *of the rewards paid to MPs.*

Is it (he added) in order for MPs to receive financial rewards for contracts which are being debated?

I want you, Mr Speaker, to rule *whether the practice now going on is* acceptable or whether, as Mr Skinner correctly says, it borders on corruption?

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) referred to *Conservative MPs who were* consultants of firms receiving contracts for hospital ancillary services.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said the programme made allegations about Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C) not putting down an interest in the register. Either the programme was guilty of contempt or privilege or there ought to be an investigation into it.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (Tiverton, C): It is surely notorious *that the Select Committee on* Members' Interests made recommendations which were accepted by the House. But the House never enforced the rule because Mr Enoch *Powell (South Down, OUP)* refused to comply and register interests and this is why the whole thing has fallen into disrepute.

Either the register should be *enforced, which I would personally* favour, or it should be done away with as spurious.

But it should not be left in its present condition in which one of the most senior privy councillors defies it with impunity and has done so for a decade.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South *and Morley, Lab): Will you Mr* Speaker on our behalf see the programme and see whether it raises any matters of privilege?

The Speaker: If Mr Rees alleges a breach of privilege he should raise it in the normal way.

I think it is right if the select committee laid down rules they should be followed. Every MP knows if he has an interest in any enterprise it should be registered and that is a matter of honour.

He refused to take any more points of order on the same issue.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said for the past four weeks he had asked for a debate on the select committee's report on Members' interests which was published last July.

The Speaker said he had made a wise point. The House should debate it.

● Earlier, during Prime Minister's questions, Mr Geoffrey Lofthouse *(Pontefract and Castleford, Lab)* said: There are some MPs receiving financial rewards from companies interested in the Channel tunnel. If there are votes being cast by these *MPs in connection with this scheme*



Skinner: I believe this borders on corruption

it surely must be bordering on corruption.

Mrs Thatcher replied: Whether or not MPs cast votes in connection with something in which they have interests is a matter for the House, whether it is the many and varied interests which *affect both sides of* the House.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on housing and urban deprivation. Lords (2.30): Debates on Liverpool and on higher education.

Impartiality of judges called into question

NOBEL PRIZE

The decision by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee to award the prize to Dr Yevgeny Chazov of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, called into question their impartiality on such matters, Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during question time in the House of Lords.

She said that Dr Chazov had a senior post within the Soviet administration and therefore had to bear *responsibility for* Soviet policies and also probably had links with the KGB.

The exchanges were opened by Lord Rea (Lab) who asked if the Government would *join in* recognizing the achievement of the IPPNW in its receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize for its work in improving international understanding.

Lady Young: The Government strongly supports all honest attempts to secure greater understanding on disarmament issues between East and West. The achievement of the IPPNW, however, has been markedly one-sided in so far as the group has lent uncritical support to Soviet propaganda themes.

The group is not, in the judgement of the Government, a genuine bridge-building organization.

Lord Rea: Her reply was predictable and disappointing. Many of the members of this organization are critical of the Soviet record on human rights. Nevertheless this does not stop them supporting the main aims of this organization which is single-targetted on the prevention of nuclear weapon build-up.

The 135,000 members of this organization as health professionals, are responsible for the care of individuals and communities. They feel they act on that first dictum of health care that prevention is better than cure, particularly when there is no cure for the effect of nuclear war.

Lady Young: We support all organizations which honestly attempt to promote greater understanding, but in the case of this organization it is clear that the World Peace Council has given prominent support to the IPPNW in its current programme of action and the programme of the World Peace Council subcommittee for scientists and doctors urges its members to co-operate with the IPPNW and that *organization receives considerable* publicity in World Peace Council publications.

Lady Cox (C): Is the Government considering following the example of Chancellor Kohl in condemning Dr Chazov's deplorable record in the persecution of Dr Andrei Sakharov?

Lady Young: I can confirm that a message was sent to the Chairman of the Nobel Peace Committee in Oslo on December 6 on behalf of the Conservative Party in similar terms to that by Dr Kohl.

Lord Mottistone (C): It is unfortunate there may be many worthy doctors misled by the Soviet mis-information service.

Lady Young: The IPPNW is not a Soviet front organization of the traditional kind, but since the World Peace Council's congress in 1980, new international peace groups for particular professions have emerged *in most of which the Soviet hand* is apparent.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab): Peace must necessarily involve talking with adversaries.

Lady Young: It is a serious matter that one of the founders of this organization, Dr Chazov, is a director of the Fourth Chief Administration of the Soviet Health Ministry and as such has special responsibility for the health of Soviet leaders and to that extent, probably has working links with the KGB.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, former Labour Lord Chancellor: The Nobel Peace Committee is a highly reputable organization. Some of these questions imply criticism of the decision of that body. We should be more careful in turning this question into an unsubstantiated witch hunt.

Lady Young: Nothing in the course of these exchanges is intended to be a criticism of the Nobel Peace Committee.

But on this occasion their members may not adequately have considered all the factors that are involved before making their award, and in making it they have therefore called into question their impartiality on a matter of this kind.

Benefits for consumers and fairness for investors

GAS BILL

Contrary to the basic idealistic hope at the time of nationalization direct ownership of the gas industry had been seen to be in practice in the hands primarily of the politician and civil servant, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, said on moving in the Commons the second reading of the Gas Bill: It was in the country's interest, he said that those with the ability and talent to be commercial managers should be in charge.

The basic advantage that this Bill will bring (he continued) is to see that the people who are employed in the industry, its managers and its customers will all be able in future to be direct participators in the *industry's success. That is a much* better system in reality than the politicians and the Civil Service.

The fact of nationalization under Labour of Conservative governments *was that there were three* levels of management. There was the board itself, the sponsoring department that crawled over most of what the board wished to do in both investment programmes and pricing policies, and finally the Treasury that crawled over what the department had crawled over.

There was an incredible argument to the effect that consumers would not have the protection they had under nationalization. An examination of the record for the House over the past 20 years showed that whenever there had be a Conservative Government the Labour opposition had strongly criticized the enormous increase that had taken place in gas prices and Conservative oppositions had similarly criticized Labour Governments.

It would be difficult to argue that *nationalization had been of great* benefit to consumers. The measures the Government would be taking under this legislation would give consumers a form of price control *protection. The overall level of* prices would be subject to a maximum set by means of a pricing formula in the licence.

The licence would also build in, for the benefit of the consumer, a share in the benefit of improved efficiency of British Gas, while retaining fairness for investors in the industry.

The formula they had put into the protection of the tariff which affected all domestic users and a number of commercial and industrial users, would be subject to price discipline which would be in the power of the Director-General of Gas Supply or regulator appointed under the Bill. Added to that, the *Government had provided for* standing and connection charges.

Standing charges were included within the price control formula. The non-discrimination provisions *would prevent the company from* treating any consumer infairly.

Mr Alan Williams (Swansea, West, Lab): The standing charge is a charge against capital already invested and there is no justification for allowing an increase in line with inflation.

Mr Walker: If he examines the *licence and legislation, he will find* that the regulator has power to fix a maximum price and to make sure there is no imbalance between domestic and commercial customers. *That covers the situation.*

They had only to look at television advertising to see the immense competition between gas, electricity, oil and coal, for domestic and industrial markets.

If British Gas was to succeed, it would want not only to retain but to increase its share of the market. It was in an area of fierce competition.

While one had to look at the costs of moving from the use of one fuel to another for heating, there was a substantial market of people going to heating for the first time.

Any domestic heating system in Britain more than 10 years old could also, almost certainly, be replaced by a new one which would be more than self-financing in that time.

The regulator had the power of investigation of all gas accounts which would have to be kept separately. He had power to see whether there was any form of cross-subsidization. He also had considerable power to stop such action. There was a substantial *improvement in the position of the* consumer and in pricing, compared with the situation under nationalization.

There would be a new consumer body. The ministry had spoken in depth to consumer organizations and to British Gas. The new body would have regional offices. It would be able to report to the director of the office of gas supply, to the Secretary of State and to the Office of Fair Trading. British Gas welcomed it.

The obligations of British Gas would be carried over. Other authorized suppliers would be brought under the same regulations.

Safety provisions would be transferred and obligations were to be tightened up. The present requirement for a gas escape to be dealt with in 24 hours was to be increased to a requirement to deal with it in 12 hours and the provisions would be extended to the customer's side of the gas meter.

British Gas was anxious to retain its reputation for safety and had given full cooperation.

Government had not interfered with contract prices under nationalization and it would be an absurdity to do so now.

The Government had taken into account the views of the main industrial users of gas. They had discussed with medium and small users of gas in the CBT the desirability of keeping the contract *market unregulated.* They came to the conclusion it was in the interests of greater competition and of industry to see it remained unregulated.

In setting out their policy as required by the legislation, British Gas would be including a clear assurance thator three years after privatization it was their intention to hold contract prices to certainly not above, and probably below, the rate of inflation. This was subject to there being no substantial, unforeseen changes in the exchange rate.

The company would not set prices in anyway that would restrict, distort or prevent competition.

There were other ways in which the legislation improved competition. It would carry forward the provisions of the Oil and Gas Enterprise Act which introduced the possibility of other gas suppliers using the British Gas network.

The Bill would complete this process by removing British Gas's unique status as the only authorised gas utility so there was no unnecessary obstacle in the way of companies wishing to become utilities in areas not already served by British Gas.

In reply to an intervention by Mr Peter Hardy (Wentworth, Lab), Mr Walker said that before any *flotation* took place, during the passage of the Bill, the Government would be announcing in detail its views and policies upon the future of gas imports and exports.

This would not be part of the Bill. It had nothing to do with the legislation but obviously they had to make clear that policy.

One restraint which would be removed from British Gas was its inability to take full advantage of its research programmes and of international opportunities. The contribution of British Gas to the British economy would be on a much greater scale.

Government insist on teachers' contract

EDUCATION

A teachers' contract of service to avoid further argument and a pay structure which meant better teachers got paid more were absolutely vital, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions when she was asked about the teachers pay dispute.

Subject to these two things, some £1,250 million over four years, over and above normal pay increases, had been offered to the teachers, which would result in a pay structure starting at £7,500 for a new graduate going up to £24,000 for the headmaster of a large secondary school.

She was replying to Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) who called on the Prime Ministerto explain what kind of priorities she had when – to use her *own language – she threw £250* million of taxpayers' money on the festering abuseofJohnsonMatthey and yet refused to pay a professional wage to teachers carrying out a vital task for the community?

Does she not realize (he went on) that they have a deep feeling of frustration due to her government's conduct. They are proving over and over again that gerrymandering of the Burnham committee will not solve the problem of getting the children back to school.

Racial attacks

A total of 1,733 racial attacks were carried out in the Metropolitan Police area during the first 11 months of this year, according to provisional figures, Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written answer. This compared with 1,280 racial attacks in 1983 and *1,515 in 1984.*

Labour pledge to reverse Bill

Mr Stanley Orme, Chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said the Bill had nothing to do with productivity, efficiency or competition.

It is solely (he said) to raise revenue so this Government can implement the only major policy it has left - that of reducing taxation in an endeavour to buy the next general election.

The Government was selling off, at a cut price, a major public corporation which had shown superb public enterprise. It was modern, efficient and profitable, one of the ten largest businesses in the United Kingdom. In 1984-85 profit was £803 million, and over £504 million was paid to the Government by the gas levy.

During the last 20 years, the industry had been rebuilt, creating a national gas transmission system to supply gas to its 16 million customers safely and securely. This was a technical, commercial and financial success story, achieved by public enterprize and a nationalized industry.

Such great powers as the industry had could be justified only if it were made accountable to the Government of the day and to Parliament. This did not mean interference.

A public monopoly was to be transferred to a private monopoly without any real accountability. There was no evidence that the Bill would improve efficiency, provide a better service, produce cheaper gas or create competition.

A privatized British Gas Corporation would nt be accountable to the Government or Parliament. Another quango - Ofgas - was being offered, a pale imiin of Oftel. They wre being offered cut-price consumer protection ad the provisions of the draft licence were no reassurance. The price formula was complicated.

Industrial and commercial consumers, many of them small business who bought their gas under contract, were not goint to be protecrted. Industrial tariff consumption represented only five per cent of the industrial market. Ninety-five per cent were not going to be protected by regulation.

Customers who bought appliances from British Gas were no covered by the Bill, nor were those who needed to have their appliances from repaired or serviced.

The future of the gas showrooms was in jeopardy. Any closure represented not onoy a loss of jobs at British Gas but a decline in the service and a reduction in the number of gas fitters employed as a *result of closure must mean a less* satisfactory emergency service. If any show rooms closed, the customers would be the sufferers and the consumers the victims, but not the only victims.

If privatized Gas followed the British Telecom model, they would see major orders being placed overseas and the loss of British jobs and more damage done to the already declining manufacturing industry in the United Kingdom.

Here was an industry worth £16 *billion, a major British industry,*



Orme: Offered cut-price consumer protection

and it was a disgrace that this should be taking place at a time of high unemployment and industrial decline in the UK.

Labour believes (he said) that the gas corporation belongs to the nation as a whole. The future of the British Gas Corporation under Labour will be in the public sector.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, L) asked if that was an uequivocal statement that a Labour Government would take it back into public ownership regardless of the cost.

Mr Orme said when Labour put its proposals forward MPs would have the time to study them.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool Walton, Lab) said a Labour Government should take British Gas back into public ownership without paying huge amounts in compensation.

Mr Orme replied that Labour's policy would be clearly laid down. (Conservative laughter).

This debate (he added) should be taking place with the full facts presented to us. What percentage of shares will go overseas? How will the golden share operate? Will there be any restriction on the number of shares bought by oil companies?

The haste with which the Government *has brought this measure* before the house has left many questions unanswered. The Bill was irrelevant to the economic and industrial problems facing Britain. *We will oppose it (he said) and* reverse it.

Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said the new corporation would have a unique position. It would have a captive market in buying and selling gas and a major say in how fields were developed.

He welcomed the Bill and the consumer protection structure but that had to be as flexible as possible to cater for regional disparities.

Mr Bruce moved an amendment opposing the Bill for failing to introduce competition while maintaining a monopoly without establishing effective regulatory machinery. It also failed to provide adequate protection for consumers from unfair pricing and continued the Government's reckless and irresponsible policy of disposal of national assets to finance current consumption.

He said the Bill failed to meet any philosophical or ideological justification. It was irresponsible with serious long-term implications.

The Government claimed the Bill would mean wider share ownership. The Alliance welcomed that and a flotation of this size would have to secure wider share ownership to raise the money the Government needed. But these shares would have to be offered at a discount because of the size of the floiation and the need to ensure that first-time shareholders got a reasonable bonus and were not put off the whole idea of shareholding right from the start.

We are concerned (he said) that the British Gas Corporation will use the size and power it has in the market place to the detriment of any actual or potential competitors. We are still more concerned about the implication of this for the corporation's 16 million consumers.

Pensioners and other low-income groups would be dismayed that the Bill allowed the continuation of standing charges which many of them had campaigned to have abolished.

If the regulatory powers in the Bill proved to be as ineffective as the Alliance believed they would be and the corporation was allowed to make massive windfall profits a future government, even a Conservative one, might have to introduce tighter regulatory measures after a subsequent election

Move to alter Scottish law on marriage

SCOTLAND

For a long time there had been need for revision of the incest laws and that would be achieved by the Incest and Related Offences (Scotland) Bill, Lord Wilsem of Langside (SDP) said when he moved the second reading in the House of Lords late on Monday night.

It would leave untouched the incest laws relating to relationships by consanguinity, but he said, would bring adopted relationships within the ambit of the law to the extent of adopted parent and adopted children.

It would remove from the criminal law relationships between a person and relatives of his or her spouse.

Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, Lord Advocate, said it was right that aspects of the law should be looked at carefully, but as this involved matters of personal beliefs and religious convictions, the Government took a neutral attitude.

The Bill was read a second time.

Promise of more money for NHS

HEALTH SERVICE

However the Opposition did the figures, the fact was that the present Government had devoted more resources to the health service than any other government in history, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, emphasized in the Commons.

He said at question time that spending on the health service in Great Britain had risen from £7,750 million in 1978-79 to £17,500 million in 1985-86. That was an increase of over 21 per cent in real terms. Over the same period public expenditure generally had increased by only 10 per cent.

We plan (he said) further real terms increases in health spending in each of the next three years. These figures demonstrate the Government's continuing commitment to improving the National Health Service.

Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C): That reply rebuts the claims of those who assert that the Government has imposed cuts on *the health service. In recent years* the only government that has done so was the Labour Government.

Will he remind the NHS and others that inefficiency and waste in *the operation of the service are the* enemies of proper patient care?

Mr Fowler: I entirely agree. The challenge for the health service is to use the resources they have to the fullest extent.

Mr Charles Kennedy (Ross, Cromarty and Skye, SDP): When he talks about the levels of Govern*ment expenditure on the NHS, what* measurement of inflation is he taking into account? Is it the retail price index or the internal NHS mechanism which in respect of *technological pressures and demo*graphic change is significantly higher?

Mr Fowler: The measurement is against RPI. That is the effective measurement of the resources that the Government has to make available. If Mr Kennedy wants other figures, there is also an increase compared to NHS pay and prices increases as well.

Dr Brian Mawhinney (Peterborough, C): How much extra has been made available to patient care as a consequence of the Government's policy of requiring health authorities to use money more effectively?

Mr Fowler: At the moment, the health service is providing something like £150 a year from cost improvements within the service itself. That illustrates that the NHS is using resources *more effectively* than at any time in its history.

Mr Alfred Dubs (Battersea, Lab): Many living in deprived inner city areas, particularly inner London, will fail to understand what Mr Fowler has said when all around them they see ward and hospital closures.

Mr Fowler: That is, as I am sure Mr Dubs will explain to them, the result of the reallocation of resources proposals, which were started by the *last Labour Government.* They seek to put resources where people are.

Dr John Marek (Wrexham, Lab) for the Opposition: So people can make a balanced judgement about these figures, will Mr Fowler now write to the chairmen of the district health authorities and ask them whether they have sufficient funds to *provide an adequate level of* funding for the NHS in 1986-87 and publish the replies?

Mr Fowler: It is more useful to do what we are doing already. Rather than write to them we prefer to talk to them. We do not believe in all this government by circular that the Labour Party stands for.

From tomorrow, Lebanon is changing its telephone numbering system.

British Telecom International has been recently informed by the Minister of Post and Telecommunications in Lebanon of changes to their telephone numbering system.

At 10.00 Hrs GMT on Thursday 12th December 1985, a new system of area codes is being introduced.

The old way of dialling Lebanon:

International Code	Country Code	Subscriber's Number
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International Code	Country Code	New Area Code	Subscriber's Number
010	961	(see below)	(6 digits)

The new area code you require will be one of the following:

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Mount Lebanon North	AREA CODE 4	Beqaa	AREA CODE 8
Mount Lebanon South	AREA CODE 5	Kesrwan and Jbeil	AREA CODE 9
North Lebanon	AREA CODE 6		

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Alternatively, if you are still not sure what to dial or are having difficulty getting through on a particular number, dial 158 and the International Operator will be pleased to help.

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Unionist protest to greet first meeting of Anglo-Irish conference

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Thousands of "Loyalists" will protest today as cabinet ministers from the Irish Republic arrive in Ulster for the first meeting of the Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference.

In an atmosphere of Unionist opposition to the Anglo-Irish accord and an upsurge of IRA violence, cross-border security co-operation will top the agenda. Both governments hope that if the agreement produces better security, opposition to it will recede.

Unionist leaders hope thousands will demonstrate outside Maryfield, headquarters of the inter-governmental Civil Service secretariat, near Hollywood, Co Down. As the heavily-guarded building is near the Protestant-dominated Harland and Wolff shipyard and Shorts aircraft company, they are confident of a large lunch-break turnout against the "invaders".

The Rev Ian Paisley, the Democratic Unionist leader, said yesterday in a message to Mr Peter Barry, the Republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs: "Ulster's spirit cannot be quelled, Ulster is unconquerable. We will see you off."

Mr Barry will chair the conference jointly with Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. He will be accompanied by Mr Michael Noonan, Minister for Justice, another senior cabinet minister and Mr Lawrence Wren, Commissioner of the Garda. On the British side will be Mr Nicholas Scott, parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibility for security, and Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary. It is not clear where the meeting will be held; Mayfield, Stormont Castle and Hillsborough Castle are all suitable.

Discussions are likely about improved liaison between the security forces in Ulster and The Republic and more exchange of intelligence.

Also on the agenda are relations between Ulster Catholics and the security forces, including the Ulster Defence Regiment. Support for the forces of law is a central objective of the deal. The UDR has about 3 per cent Roman Catholics in its ranks, and the RUC about 10 per cent.

It is unlikely that the government will reveal the timing or agenda of future conference meetings and between changes which will reduce nationalist alienation, and further angering the Loyalist majority.

The secretariat of five civil servants from the Republic, and five from Britain and Northern Ireland, is housed in easily defended offices previously used by the factories inspectorate, in their own grounds between Belfast and Hollywood.

Last week soldiers erected fences around the building. There have been threats from Loyalist paramilitary grounds against the lives of Cilvil Servants from the Republic.

'Sectarian' UDR high on agenda

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

One of the central issues at the inter-governmental meeting will be the Ulster Defence Regiment.

The youngest and largest British Army regiment, formed about 15 years ago after the disbandment of the police "B Specials", it has suffered severe damage to its reputation from the convictions of nine of its members for murder. Six cases appeared to be sectarian killings. There have been other convictions for serious offences.

Some Catholics complain of UDR men behaving aggressively towards them, to which UDR soldiers respond that some Catholics go out of their way to provoke incidents.

In the negotiations leading to last month's agreement the Irish government would have liked to secure the disbandment of the regiment. Britain has made it very clear that this is not going to happen.

A number of reforms are, however, being made. Fresh emphasis is being placed on the policy that if regular Army of UDR patrols are likely to come into contact with the public they should, whenever possible, be accompanied by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Basic training for part-time members of the UDR is being increased from 9 to 14 days. That is supplemented by regular training during service.

Selected full-time UDR officers will from next year attend the normal training courses at Sandhurst.

Since 1977 the police have had prime responsibility for all security operations in Northern Ireland. Despite this the 9,000 men of the regular Army in Northern Ireland, and the 6,500 of the UDR remain an essential part of the attempt to stamp out terrorism. The UDR patrols about 85 per cent of the province.

Although in the early years up to 18 per cent of its members were Roman Catholic, that has now fallen to 2.7 per cent.

About 150 members of the regiment have been murdered.



Volunteers mobilized by Nicaragua's Sandinista Government setting off from Managua to harvest this season's coffee crop

Workers' fingers on the trigger

In the last of a three-part series on Nicaragua, ALAN TOMLINSON reports on the threat to the Nicaraguan Government from the labour movement.

Severe economic hardship among workers and peasants is presenting Nicaragua's beleaguered, Marxist-led Government with what could be its most serious challenge to date.

This time the threat to the Sandinistas does not come from one of the usual quarters – the dispossessed business sector, a belligerent Roman Catholic Church or the US-backed Contra guerrillas: it comes instead from the revolution's traditional supporters on the organized left.

The Government recognized the danger in October when it singled out leftist agitation as one of the reasons for the return to emergency rule which sharply restricted civil liberties, including a ban on strikes.

But labour leaders believe that legal shackles may be insufficient to contain worker discontent. "Conditions are explosive and anything could be the trigger," the Communist Party secretary, Señor Eli Altamirano said.

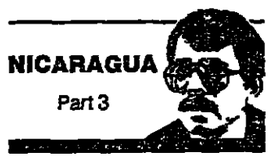
The Sandinistas have confessed publicly that bad management has aggravated the poor performance of an economy depressed by world prices and further sapped by the war.

Early this year, the Government abandoned many of its Marxist tenets when it adopted the kind of monetarist austerity plan the IMF might have been proud of. Taxes were raised, state spending cut, food subsidies axed, credit squeezed, the cordova devalued and dollar incentives awarded to private cattle owners.

The price of basic foodstuffs shot up 200 per cent and unregulated goods 600 per cent; wage increases were limited to between 93 and 165 per cent. As one businessman put it: "Karl Marx must have turned in his grave."

The unrest came to a head in October when left-wing minority parties and unions unaffiliated to the Sandinista Front were suspected of organizing a series of stoppages to demand reinstatement of a traditional Christmas bonus.

The issue united government opponents right across the political spectrum who saw a golden opportunity to roast the Sandinistas. It created some strange bedfellows: the Conservatives sided with the pro-Moscow Socialists in the National Assembly and independent unions financed by the United States joined ranks with



extreme left-wing workers' organizations.

Construction workers marched on the Assembly where the bonus was being debated. Within hours, police picked up their leader who had begun a hunger strike to highlight the issue, and that afternoon President Daniel Ortega went on television to declare the emergency.

The President was unconvincing when he explained that the measures were to combat subversion by counter-revolutionary infiltrators. Many felt the Government had over-reacted to its troubles.

Opposition protests appear to have been cowed by official warnings but the pressures which fuel the unrest have not diminished.

Workers taking home 9,000 cordovas a month – about £200 at the official exchange but only a meagre £8 at the most realistic black market rate – may enjoy low housing and transport costs and eat subsidized meals at work canteens, but they must pay half a month's wages for a pair of shoes.

The Government says the new society is being built for the working class. A 20-ft statue in Managua of a man brandishing a pick-axe and a rifle bears the legend: "Only the workers and peasants will be there at the end".

In the final analysis, it may be the workers who decide if the Sandinistas will be there with them.

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Ships ban Bill seeks to allay US fears

From Richard Long
Wellington

The New Zealand Government introduced its long-awaited anti-nuclear legislation yesterday with provisions banning nuclear-armed or powered warships and aricraft from entering its ports.

But it was clear from the Nuclear Free Zone, Disarmament and Arms Control Bill, tabled in Parliament by the Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, that there had been considerable concessions by the Labour Party to make the measure more palatable to Washington and London.

The most surprising revelation was that nuclear-armed warships would not be banned from New Zealand's territorial waters, as promised in Labour's election manifesto, but only from entering its "internal waters" – defined as harbours and fiords.

The Bill contained no judicial review provision, enabling the Prime Minister's decision on the entry of individual ships to be tested in court, although that was promised to the Labour Party conference.

Provisions requiring the Prime Minister to receive formal reports from the Ministry of Defence and the Intelligence Council on the likely armed state of a visiting vessel were also removed.

Mr Lange said these were deleted to remove any de facto breach of the "neither confirm nor deny" policy on the presence of nuclear weapons, which is followed by both the US Navy and Royal Navy.

It is still not clear whether the toned-down provisions of the anti-nuclear legislation will satisfy Washington and London but Mr Lange told Parliament the Bill was wholly consistent with Zealand's international obligations, including the Anzus treaty, linking Australia, New Zealand and the US.

The controversial clauses 9, 10 and 11, banning nuclear armed ships and aircraft, were however, bitterly fought by the Opposition, which pledged to repeal these provisions when a national government took power.

The opposition foreign spokesman, Mr Warren Cooper, accused the Government of "snuggling up to the pacifists and the Eastern bloc" with the legislation. "The real beneficiaries of this are in the Kremlin."

The opposition Leader, Mr Jim McLay, challenged Mr Lange to say how he would tell whether ships were nuclear armed. "How will he know? Sniffer dogs? The United States won't tell him. The British won't tell him. The only part of a ship he could detect would be the galley.

Anti-nuclear spokesman criticized the provision empowering the Prime Minister to make the decisions on ship visitswithout public advice. They said this was a return to the "trust me" formula and against Labour policy requiring evidence on ship's armaments to be publicly available and credible.

The legislation was sent to a parliamentary select committee for public submissions. Mr Lange has said he expects it to be approved formally by next June or July.

Curbs on flags of convenience

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Britain is to introduce measures to prevent foreign fishing vessels flying a British flag of convenience. The move will coincide with the entry of Spain and Portugal into the EEC on January 1.

The Government fears a threat to the common fisheries policy and the relative stability it has brought to the industry if vessels from one country attach themselves artificially to another to claim part of the latter's quota.

Although Spain is not named, the measures are clearly aimed at the huge Spanish fishing fleet, which is as large as those of all the other member states put together. Three years ago British fishermen protested when it was found that Spanish vessels were registering in Cornish ports and in the Channel Islands.

From January 1 all vessels licensed to fish within the British quota will have to be registered as British under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894.

They must normally operate from the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, and evidence of regular landings in, or regular visits to, British ports will be expected.

At least three-quarters of the crew must be British or EEC nationals (not, during the transition period, including Spaniards, Portuguese or Greeks); the skipper and the crew must all pay British National Insurance, and owners may be required to make the vessels and documentation available for inspection in a British port.



Ray Reardon, MBE, the snooker player, with his wife.



Sir Robert Reid (left) British Rail chairman, with the insignia of a Knight Bachelor, and Michael Quinn, chef at The Ritz, appointed MBE, after yesterday's investiture at Buckingham Palace

Court plea against M40 extension

An environmental campaigner launched an attempt in the Court of appeal yesterday to force the Government to abandon plans for a £223 million extension of the M40 across Oxfordshire.

Miss Helen Anscomb is asking the court to overturn the High Court's refusal to quash the approval for the extension from Banbury to Warwick given by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary for State for Transport.

Miss Anscomb, a former classics teacher from Ashmansworth, Hampshire, says that the judge, in dismissing her claim, wrongly concluded that the Minister had given sufficient consideration to alternatives.

She says there would be no need for the motorway if the M1 was improved or freight traffic was switched from the M1 to the under used Oxford to Birmingham railway line.

The hearing continues today.

Restoration task

A badly weathered monument on the summit of Helvellyn, Cumbria, commemorating the first landing of an aeroplane on a British mountain, in December 1926, is to be refurbished.

Philippines rallies urge poll boycott

From Keith Dalton
Manila

More than 5,000 students and workers yesterday demonstrated near the heavily guarded presidential palace to denounce the military's mass acquittal in the murder of Benigno Aquino, the Philippines opposition leader, and urge a national boycott of the presidential election on February 7.

Bigger anti-government rallies, attended by more than 25,000 protestors, were held in three southern provincial cities in observance of Human Rights day.

The demonstrations, the first to urge a boycott of the presidential poll, came on the eve of the ruling KBL party's national convention in Manila where President Ferdinand Marcos will be proclaimed the official standard bearer.

Some 5,000 leaders and supporters of the KBL party will attend the convention where Mr Marcos, in power since 1965, will be unanimously proclaimed and launch his fourth presidential election campaign.

Mrs Corazon Aquino, the presidential nominee of the 15-party opposition alliance Laban, will file her certificate of candidacy at the commission on elections today after a motorcade through the city, an opposition spokesman said.

Mrs Aquino's rival, the former Senator Salvador Laurel, filed his presidential certificate of registration on Monday as candidate of his eight-party alliance, Unido.

● MANILA: Although opposition unity has collapsed, and with it her best hope of defeating President Marcos, Mrs Aquino says she takes pride in one aspect of the day's events: she became a leader (NYT reports).

Mrs Aquino said on Monday that when her advisers split on how to respond to Mr Laurels rejection of her terms for a unified ticket she took a newly forceful tone in suggesting that a compromise be offered.

Senior Peking diplomat in Hong Kong

From David Bonavia
Hong Kong

Mr Ji Pengfei, head of China's office for Hong Kong and Macao affairs, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday for talks on the territory's future.

Mr Ji, aged 76, was met by Sir Edward Youde, the Governor, then taken to a guesthouse.

He is one of Peking's most skilled and experienced diplomats and was foreign minister in the early 1970s. Mr Ji is well known to British officials and is liked for his modest profile and pragmatic approach.

Mr Ji's visit comes against a background of mounting concern about China's apparent attempts to interfere in the democratization and political reform by the territory's British-dominated Government before its return to Chinese sovereignty in 1997.

Controversy centres on two main issues. One is the type of travel document to be issued by the Government of the future "special administrative region", which will replace the British in 11 years time. Another is the type of self-governing political system the territory should set up in the intervening period.

The Hong Kong Government, having received no indication of Peking's wishes on political reform, has begun a series of reforms under which the public – who are 99 per cent Chinese – will have a greater say in the appointment of their legislators. So far only indirect elections have been held, but it is foreseen that direct elections to the Legislative Council should take place within the next few years.

Peking has shown marked resistance, and the local stock market took a tumble last month when Mr Xu Juatun, head of the Hong Kong branch of the New China News Agency, warned that the moves towards democratization of the Government might cause "problems". Mr Xu is regarded as China's chief representative in Hong Kong and all his comments are treated with close attention.

Kyoto temples are closed again

Tokyo – Some of Japan's most famous temples have again closed their gates to visitors in a tax dispute with the city of Kyoto (David Watts writes).

The Kyoto Buddhist Association says that the temples will be closed indefinitely until the city government backs down on its determination to tax temple visitors.

About 40 million tourists a year visit Kyoto and the most famous of the city's 1,500 temples. These are the people at whom the tax of 50 yen for adults and 30 yen for children is aimed. The Buddhists say it is a tax on religion and unconstitutional.

The two sides appeared to have reached a compromise under which the temples would pay cash into a trust fund without referring to it as tax. The city would then draw on the funds for its tax revenues.

The Buddhist association now says that the compromise was not an agreement and the temples are closed for the second time this year.

Times is cleared of race accusation

It was not improper of *The Times* to report in a rounded background story that a father jailed for life for murdering his baby daughter was born in London of West Indian parents, the Press Council said yesterday. It rejected a complaint against the newspaper by Mr R Borzello, of Camden Passage, north London.

Mr Borzello had complained that *The Times* improperly reported the national origin of a convicted person's parents, indirectly identifying the race and colour of the man convicted.

The newspaper said that Andrew Neil, who was born of West Indian parents in London, had battered and bitten his daughter 57 times in the bedroom of a Brixton council flat. Neil was jailed for life the previous day for battering to death his daughter Tyra Henry, aged 21 months. Two years earlier he had been convicted and then cleared of blinding and causing brain damage to Tyra's brother, Tyrone, aged four.

Mr Borzello asked the editor why in Andrew Neil's case the newspaper reported his parentage, effectively reporting the colour and race of Neil himself.

The then deputy editor, Mr Charles Wilson, now editor, told him it was a background article published at the end of the case. Throughout the case numerous pictures of the family had been published and it was clear that the family was black. The background article stated that the father was British-born. He did not think it could be argued that this was racist or offensive within the context of the article and the complete coverage of the case.

Mr Borzello repeated that Andrew Neil's colour had no bearing on his crime and certainly his parents' national origin and colour were irrelevant to the story.

Mr Colin Webb, deputy editor, replied that the background piece did not identify the racial origin for the first time or for its own sake but they felt it was fair and accurate to point out that the accused was born in this country. That would, they felt, mitigate some of the racial prejudice, he told the council.

The Press Council's adjudication was:

The Press Council has held in earlier cases that newpapers should not introduce a person's race or colour into a story in a context where it is likely to be seen as pejorative or prejudicial except where race or colour is relevant to the story being told.

The line is sometimes a very fine one. In this case the *Times* story was a retrospective report on an already widely publicized case of a father jailed for life after being convicted of the murder of his baby daughter.

Photographs of the man had already been published widely. The *Times* article did not simply identify the man as black irrelevantly and in isolation as some reports of other cases have done. It brought out in some depth a number of factors about his background including his occupation, family circumstances, housing conditions and character.

In this context the Press Council does not find it was improper of the newspaper to report that he was born in London of West Indian parents.

The complaint against *The Times* is rejected.

Newspaper fined for contempt in Singapore

Singapore (Reuter) – The Singapore High Court has fined the owners, editors, printers and distributor of the *Asian Wall Street Journal* a total of $8,000 (£5,500) for an editorial it said "scandalized" the judiciary.

The court discharged the newspaper's Singapore correspondent, Stephen Duthie, who said earlier that he had no hand in writing the editorial which appeared on October 17.

The heaviest fine of $3,000 for contempt of court was on the owners, Dow Jones Publishing Company Asia.

The features editor, Melanie Kirkpatrick, was fined $2,000, the editor, Fred Zimmerman, $1,500 and the editorial page editor, Paul Gigot, $1,000.

The printers, Singapore Newspapers Services, and the distributor, John Tan, were each fined $250.

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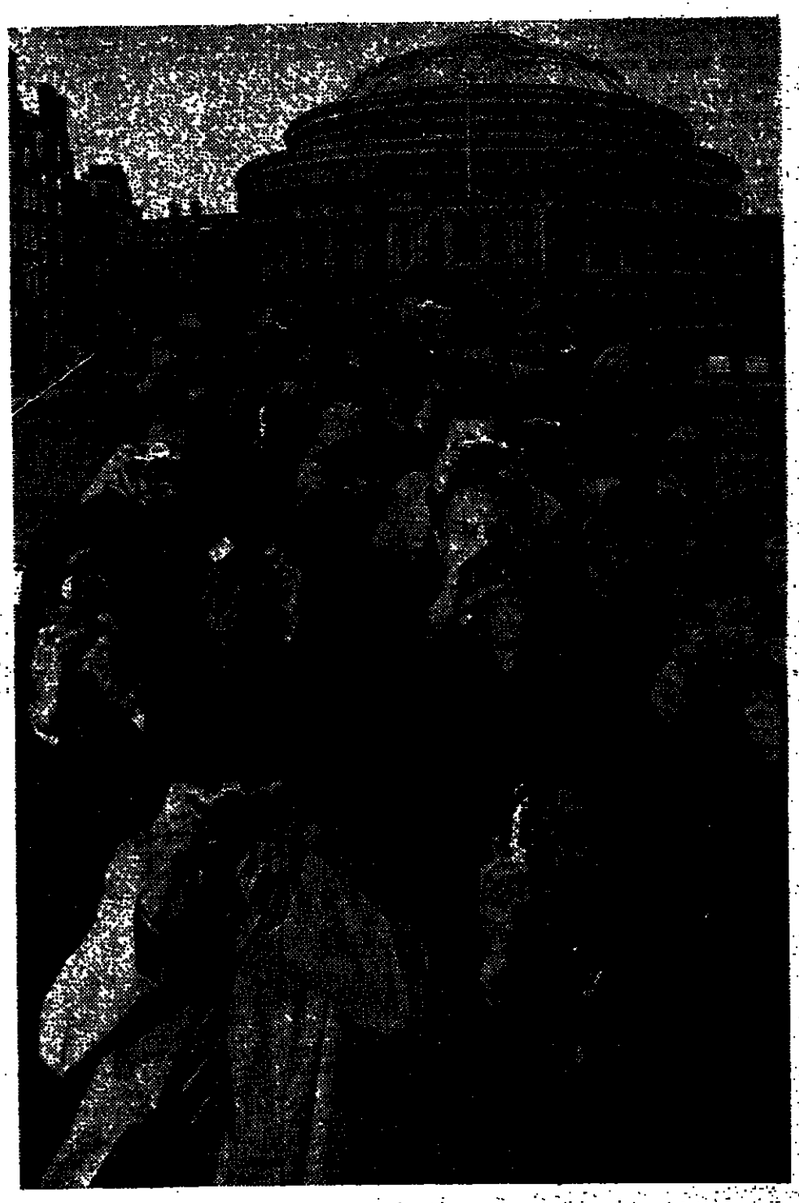
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Mandela's daughter denies he would ever accept exile to win his freedom

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Nelson Mandela's daughter, Zinzi, said yesterday that her father would never agree to go "into banishment or exile" as a condition of his release from prison.

She made the statement after the Johannesburg evening newspaper, *The Star*, ran a front-page story on Monday from Paris alleging that the French Government was trying to negotiate political asylum for the jailed leader of the banned African National Congress (ANC).

The French Foreign Ministry has since denied the report, but a spokesman said: "Naturally, if Mr Mandela were freed, if the question of his leaving South Africa were raised and if he expressed a desire to come to France, the French Government would of course be ready to welcome him."

In Cape Town, Mr Mandela was visited yyesterday by his wife, Winnie, at Pollsmoor prison. She said she was surprised to find him in an isolation ward of the prison hospital even though he had made a complete recovery from a recent postrate gland operation.

Meanwhile, six of the 12 African, Indian and Coloured anti-apartheid campaigners acquitted of treason on Monday proclaimed their determination yesterday to continue fighting for freedom.

They made their pledge at a defiant celebration meeting attended by several hundred chanting supporters in a Methodist church here.

"We will not stop until freedom is won, we will not stop until the authentic leaders of the people of South Africa have been taken out of jail", Mrs Albertina Sisulu, one of the six, declared to loud cheers.

The collapse of the state's case against the 12, all prominent members of the United Democratic Front (UDF), an extra-parliamentary alliance of more than 600 anti-apartheid organizations, is seen as a serious political setback for the Government.

Pretoria blames the UDF for instigating the unrest which has swept black townships in the past 15 months, claiming that its leaders have been promoting revolutionary violence with the aim of overthrowing the state.

The prosecutor's failure to sustain this will reinforce allegations that the Government is using the courts as an extension of its detention system, bringing flimsy charges against legitimate political opponents simply to silence them for a while.

In addition to Mrs Sisulu, those discharged on Monday by the Natal Attorney-General were: Mr Archie Gumede, Mr Mewa Ramgobin, Mr George Sewpersadh, Mr M. J. Naidoo, Mr Paul David, Mr Essop Jassat, Mr Aubrey Mokoena, Mr Curtis Nkondo, the Rev Frank Chikane, Mr Cassim Saloojee and Professor Ismail Mohamed.

Mr Gumede and Mrs Sisulu, wife of Mr Walter Sisulu, a jailed ANC leader, are two of the UDF's three National Presidents.

Five of those acquitted, including Mr Gumede, spent between three and twelve weeks in the British Consulate in Durban last year

The four against whom the state is still pursuing its case, Mr Sisa Njikelana, Mr Thozamile Goweta, Mr Sam Kikine and Mr Isaac Ngcobo, are all leading members of a Black trade union affiliate of the UDF, the South African Allied Workers' Union, which is a member of the recently formed Congress of South African Trade Unions.



Dr Chazov (left) and Dr Lown: Forced to evade protesters to collect award.

Nobel winners demand test ban

Oslo (Reuter) – A group of campaigning doctors, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, received the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize yesterday and appealed to the superpowers for an immediate moratorium on nuclear weapon testing.

Dr Yevgeny Chazov of the Soviet Union and Dr Bernard Lown of the US were forced to enter the main hall of Oslo University, where the $230.000 (about £155,000) prize was awarded, by a side door because of demonstrations.

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the hall before the ceremony protesting at alleged human rights abuses in the Soviet Union.

Dr Chazov, a deputy Soviet health minister, has come under attack from groups supporting Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, and at the alleged use of Soviet psychiatric hospitals to imprison dissidents.

Accepting the award, Dr Lown said: "From this world podium we call upon the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union to agree to an immediate mutual moratorium on all nuclear explosions to remain in effect until a comprehensive test ban treaty is concluded."

Dr Chazov said the award to the group and its 135,000 members was an honour "for all physicians on our planet, irrespective of their political and religious beliefs".

Herr Heiner Geissler, the West German politician who launched the campaign against the prize beiang awarded to Dr Chazov, described the presentation as a slap in the face of the persecuted.

All Warsaw Pact ambassadors attended the ceremony, the first time since Dr Sakharov was awarded the prize in 1975.

The US and West Germany ambassadors stayed away in what foreign diplomats said was a protest at Dr Chazov's award.

● AMSTERDAM: A Dutch human rights group, the Bukovsky Foundation, placed advertisements in French, Dutch and Swedish newspapers charging Dr Chazov with "responsibility" for thhe treatment of Soviet political prisoner (AP reports).

● Bonner anger: Mrs Yelena Bonner is outraged over a secretly-made Soviet film taken in Gorky showing her and her husband, Dr Sakharov, her son-in-law said in Newton, Massachusetts (Reuter reports).

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South Asian summit

India told it should show leadership to seven-nation group

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

There was a curiously embarrassing moment during the seven-nation summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) which has just ended in Bangladesh.

In the inaugural speech of President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka, the audience looked at one another with astonishment as he publicly laid the responsibility for leading the organization on the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

"On him we rest our hopes," President Jayewardene said. "He must not fail us. He cannot. Our duty is to help him to the utmost. He should tell us what each of us should do and we must respond as best we can."

It is, of course, perfectly plain that India must be the leader of the association. India is more than twice the size of the other six countries put together, and the association could not exist unless India agreed it should exist. But such a display of public humility was more than anyone expected.

Mr Gandhi yesterday made a point of disclaiming any desire to tell the others what to do. He told a group of foreign correspondents in Delhi: "That's precisely what we don't want to do. We will operate by consensus, in concert, and no one will carry any more weight or less than any other."

India initially had been reluctant to get formally together with its neighbours. At first it feared the association would simply be a club where the smaller members could gang up together against it. But those fears have been dissipated by careful politics on the part of the others, and by an idealistic commitment on the part of Mr Gandhi.

But Mr Gandhi has made it clear the association forum will not be a place to develop arguments that exist between it and other countries individually. Until the last few hours of the summit meeting it was not altogether certain that India would sign the charter of the new organization, and the insertion of a separate two-paragraph chapter 10 took a good deal of haggling.

The chapter reads: 1. Decisions at all levels shall be taken on the basis of unanimity. 2. Bilateral and contentious issues shall be excluded from the deliberations.

Dispute halts stamp issue

Leaders at the summit did not issue postage stamps planned to mark the occasion because India and Pakistan differed on the way the State of Jammu and Kashmir was shown on a map on the stamps, official sources said. Both countries have disputed the territory since Britain's withdrawal from the subcontinent in 1947.

For Pakistan the development of regional forum can only be good news. It provides, the Pakistani Government no doubt considers, at the least a place where Pakistan can make its own case to its neighbourhood. President Zia-ul-Haq took instant advantage by raising the nuclear issue, about which Mr Gandhi has been complaining so much recently.

Similarly Pakistan proposed a special programme for action on women in SAARC, thus neatly avoiding any suggestion that the position of women in President Zia's newly developing Islamic society was being steadily eroded. The programme was adopted enthusiastically.

Kyprianou sees poll as approval for policies

From Our Correspondent, Nicosia

President Kyprianou yesterday declared that his party's second place showing inthe Cyprus parliamemtary elections was a sign of widespread public support for his policies.

His statement came after the overnight announcement that his centrist Democratic (Diko) Party would have 16 seats in the new, 56-member Parliament based on Sunday's voting. The conservative Rally Party and the Communist Akel Party – which have been allied in efforts to get Mr Kyprianou to soften his bargaining stance in talks with the island's ethnic Turks – secured 19 and 15 seats respectively. The Socialist Edek won six seats.

Rally and Akel had forced the early election in the hope that they could win a two-thirds majority in Parliament and make good their pledge to amend the constitution and force out of office President Kyprianou.

Although they fell short of their goal, the allied opposition parties retain a parliamentary majority that will allow them to hinder or reject vital legislation.

But Mr Kyprianou appealed to opposition leaders to cooperate "in a spirit of understanding at this critical time."

According to final, official returns, Mr Kyprianou's party received 88,322 votes, or 27.65 per cent of the total, up from 19.5 per cent in the 1981 parliamentary election. Rally won 107,223 votes, or 33.56 per cent, while Akel got 87,628 votes or 27.43 per cent. The Socialist Edek Party won 35,371 votes, or 11.07 per cent.

● Turkish view: The Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr Rauf Denktas, said yesterday that Sunday's inconclusive elections among Greek Cypriots offered no prospect of an early settlement on the future of the divided island (Reuter reports).

New Guatemala leader vows to end terror

Guatemala City (Reuter) – Señor Vinicio Cerezo, the President-elect, has vowed to end corruption and bloody political violence that has claimed more than 100,000 lives in 30 years of nearly unbroken military rule in Guatemala.

"We are going to break with the past," Señor Cerezo told 10,000 cheering supporters in a victory speech after the run-off elections on Sunday. "From now on we want no more repression, violence, terror or fear."

Señor Cerezo, a Christian Democrat, has said he will reorganize the security forces and dissolve the feared Secret Police which human rights groups link to many killings and disappearances.

But Señor Cerezo has said he does not intend to hold the Army to account for human rights abuses as President Alfonsin of Argentina has done.

Gandhi rebukes Britain over Sikh's citizenship

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi

A public slap in the face to Britain was delivered yesterday by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who expressed his displeasure at the granting of British citizenship to an exiled Sikh extremist.

British leniency towards Sikh exiles who work for the dismemberment of the Indian union has long been a major irritant in relations between the two countries, and the latest step appears to have undone much of the work of reassurance by Mrs Thatcher when Mr Gandhi was in Britain recently.

Mr Gandhi told a meeting of foreign correspondents that India wa pleased with what some countries were doing about exiled Indian extremists, and less pleased about others. He singled out Canada for praise, saying there had been "very positive action" there. But he said about Britain "They had taken some positive steps, but they have given their citizenship to one person recently which we feel is a step backwards."

Mr Gandhi's staff later named the individual as Mr Gurmej Singh Gill.

The British High Commissioner in Delhi, Sir Robert Wade-Gery, last night declined to comment on the case, saying that he had "only second-hand oral accounts" of what Mr Gandhi said.

According to a spokesman for the Home Office, Mr Gill was registered that day under section 7(1)(A) of the British Nationality Act of 1981. "He was entitled to citizenship by being resident since before 1 January 1973," the spokesman said, adding that the Home Secretary had no descretion in the matter. "It is unconditional," he said. "It is not a matter for judgement."

A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday: "If Mr Gill indulges in any criminal act he can be charged. If he breaks the laws of India then India has legal recourse."

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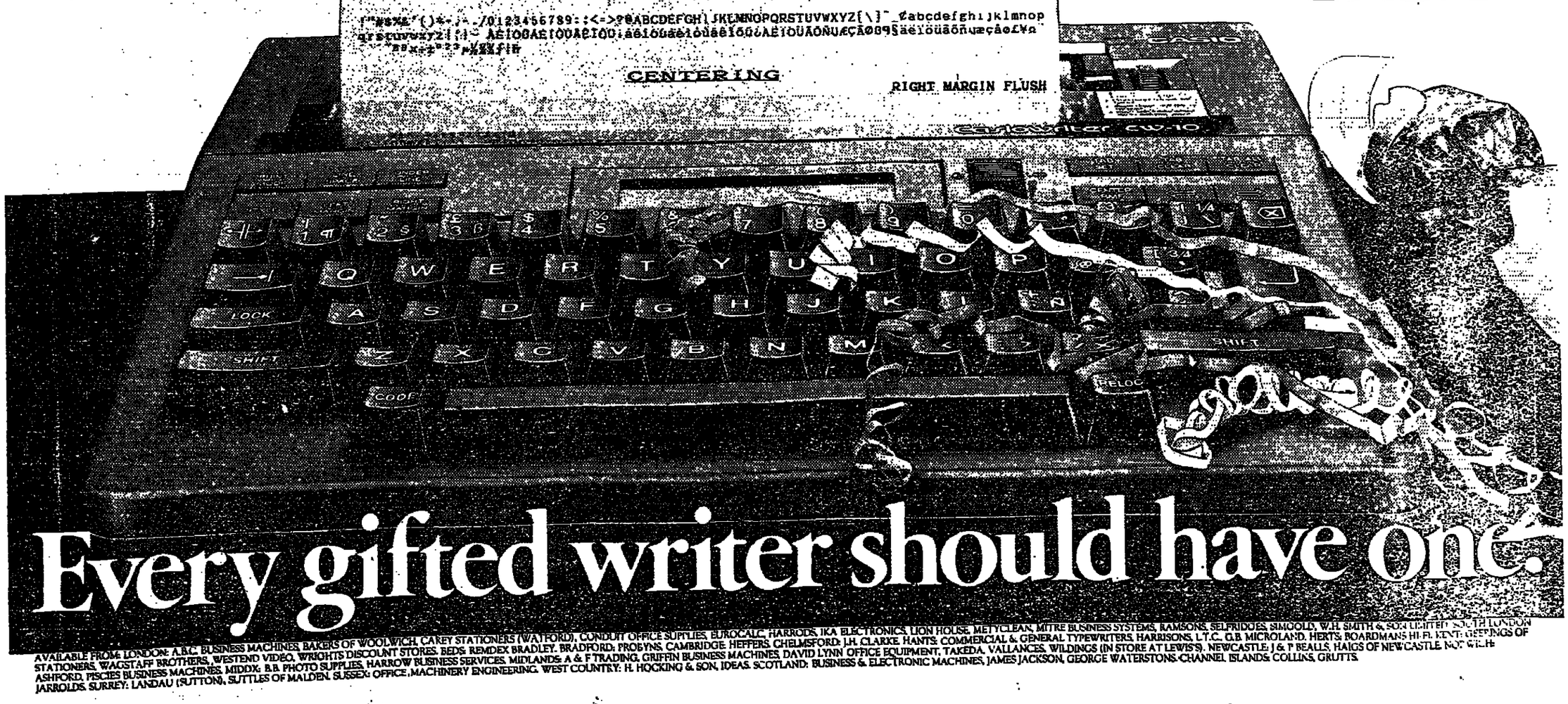
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Despair in America's heartland

Iowa farmer reaps bloody harvest after debts brought him to his knees

From Michael Binyon, Washington

On a grey, snowy day in a little town in Iowa a 63-year-old farmer, facing bankruptcy and the loss of his farm, shot and killed the local bank manager, a neighbouring farmer, his wife and then himself.

The tragedy, which has shocked the close-knit community in Hills, Iowa, has also shaken the nation. The worst financial crisis on America's farms since the Great Depression is beginning to take a harsh human toll.

Dale Burr, who had farmed his 500 acres at Lone Tree, just down the lane from his parents for 40 years, was one of thousands deeply in debt to his local bank and unable to cope with falling commodity prices.

On Monday, he hid a shotgun under his coat, barged into the Hills Bank and Trust Company and fired at the president, John Hughes. He then walked to the offices of the two vice-presidents, aimed at them but did not fire, and drove away in his truck.

Arriving at the farm of Richard Goody, his 38-year-old neighbour, he shot him dead because of a quarrel over land he had bought with borrowed money. After trying to kill Goody's wife and son, he fled.

His truck was stopped by the sheriff's deputy in a lane at Lone Tree. While the deputy waited for help, Burr turned the gun on himself. A search of his home later revealed the body of his wife, Emily, aged 65.

The bank was closed yesterday, with a notice explaining what had happened, lest anxious customers thought it was yet another farm belt bank which had gone under.

Burr had been in danger of losing his farm for several months. County records showed he owed the bank almost $800,000. In March 1984 he borrowed $360,000 to buy a parcel of land, and last March, another $425,000 for more land. The bank paid $5,000 taxes on his farm in September, but payment was revoked four days later. October's taxes were still unpaid.

"You could tell something was bothering him pretty bad," Mr Jim Stockman, owner of *Hills Grain and Feed*, said. "We're in shock. It just doesn't happen." Everyone in the 500-strong community knew those involved. The sheriff is the dead banker's brother.

"This is what we're been warning about all along," said Mr Dan Levitas of Prairiefire, a farm advocacy group which has counselled farmers since the start of the agricultural credit crisis.

A state banking superintendent said he told Governor Terry Branstad of Iowa two years ago that hard-pressed farmers could turn violent. Two Minnesota bank officials were shot dead by a distraught farmer and his son in a credit dispute in 1983.

Governor Branstad, who has been pressing for a freeze on farm property taxes, sent his sympathy to the families of the latest victims.

Meanwhile, the *Washington Times*, in a lead front-page story from Iowa, said yesterday that neo-Nazi groups were taking advantage of the economic despair the farm belt to recruit members. They had begun to spread a message of white supremacy, anti-Semitimism and separatism into the fabric of America's heartland, the newspaper said.

"The farmer is being backed into a wall and he's beginning to think there has to be an answer," the founder of a white supremacist organzation called the Aryan Nations told the paper. "The answer is revolution, just like it was in 1776."

Governor Branstad said the radical right had spread its campaign of hate into Iowa from the Midwest. "They are like Adolf Hitler of the 1920s and their movement needs to be nipped in the bud."



Mr Abdel-Halim Baddawy, left, leader of the Egyptian delegation to talks in Herzlia, Israel yesterday on a border dispute involving the Sinai resort of Taba, and Mr Avraham Tamir, of Israel.

Wedding slump hits dress trade

Paris: Pronuptia, one of Europe's leading makers of wedding dresses, is in serious financial straits, mainly because of the sharp drop in the number of people getting married, the French-owned company reported. (Diana Geddes writes).

In France, the number of marriages has dropped by more than a quarter over the past decade, falling from 387,000 in 1975 to 385,000 last year.

The Paris commercial tribunal gave its permission to the company yesterday to continue its operations in its existing 130 sales outlets in France and in almost as many outlets in the rest of Europe, including Britain.

Prices for Pronuptia dresses range from about £70 to more than £7,000.

Siamese twins separated

Madrid: Doctors at the Red Cross Hospital here said they have successfully separated Siamese twin girls joined by skin tissue in the region of their livers.

The children, born on November 20, and known as Rosa (pink) and Blanca (white) from the colour of the identification ribbons tied to one foot will be allowed to go home within two weeks.

Mateos for trial

Madrid (Reuter) – Señor Jose Maria Ruiz Mateos, aged 54, the tycoon who founded what became Spain's largest private holding, will stand trial on charges of fraud in connection with his former Rumasa business empire, a Spanish judge ruled.

Andropov out

Athens (AFP) – Mr Igor Andropov, aged 44, son of the former Soviet leader, Mr Yuri Andropov, will be replaced as Soviet ambassador to Greece after his unexpected departure last summer, it was officially announced here.

Research pact

Brussels (Reuter) – Britain, France, Italy and West Germany signed agreements to boost high-technology research in super dense metals where Western Europe has a rate-year lead over the US and Japan.

Bullied to death

Tokyo (AP) – A 14-year-old junior high school student committed suicide here three days after he had sought help from police because he was being bullied by his classmates, police said.

A mere trifle

Wagga Wagga (Reuter) – A magistrate suggested that a woman in court with the recipe for her wine trifle, blamed by her nephew for a drink-drive charge. Robert Gordan, aged 20, had a blood alcohol level of 0.075 per cent, well above legal limit of 0.05 per cent, when stopped by police.

Correction

Two Kurdish guerrilla leaders were reported to have been hanged in Iran, not 200, as stated on December 9.

Mitterrand faces poll confidently

From Diana Geddes
Paris

With less than 100 days left before the French General Election, President Mitterand has shown himself in a confident, combative mood and ready to take an active part in defending his government's policies during the forthcoming campaign.

Sounding more relaxed than for a long time, President Mitterand said in a two-hour radio interview on Europe 1 that he was more often than not stimulated by political storms and adversity, before hastening to add that despite all appearances to the contrary there were no real storms at present.

Asked about his quarrel with his prime minister, M Laurent Fabius, over the recent visit to Paris by General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, M Mitterand replied in effect there had been no quarrel. M Fabius was a sincere and frank man: he had not made a "gaffe" in saying that he was troubled by the visit. There was no need for reconciliation, M Mitterand insisted, adding that M Fabius had at no time offered his resignation.

M Mitterand was nevertheless clearly aware of the criticism provoked by his decision to receive General Jaruzelski, and spent a long time seeking to justify it. He said he believed the visit was in the interests of both the Polish and the French people, that it would help defend human rights in Poland, and that it would contribute to the "European dialogue" with a view to an eventual reconciliation of the two parts of Europe.

Asked why he had taken such a decision at this particular time, M Mitterand simply replied that it was the first time that the Polish leader has asked to be received. He did not explain why, when Presdient Botha of South Africa had asked to see him, he had taken the opposite point of view. France has had no summit contact with South Africa since the Socialists came to power.

In spite of the Socialists' abysmal performance in the opinion polls, which continue to show a 20-point gap in voting intentions between the right and the left, M Mitterand insisted that he was confronting the forthcoming elections with "an untroubled mind".

Senators make the most of their free post

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Senator Alan Cranston of California spent more than $1.6 million (£1 million) of taxpayers' money on postage in just three months this year, making him the Senate's biggest user of the free congressional letter-franking service.

The figures were revealed for the first time on Monday in response to a growing clamour about the cost of mailing senators' newsletters and postal campaigning. Senator Charles Mathias, a Maryland Republican who has pressed for disclosure, said one unnamed senator last year spent $3.8 million on his mail.

Mr Cranston, a Democrat who faces re-election next year, sent 6,457 newsletters and more than five million announcements about community forums he conducted in August on a variety of issues. He admitted spending "a lot of money" on postage, but said his state, with a population of 23 million, was the largest in the US. Spending only six cents per head, he ranked fourteenth in the amount spent on each constituent.

Senator Christopher Dodd of Connecticut headed that list for the third quarter of the year, spending 19 cents per constituent for a total of $604,000. Other big spenders were Pennsylvania's two Republican senators: Senato Arlen Specter spent $789,000 to send 6.5 million items of franked mail and Senator John Heinz, who does not face re-election until 1988, spent $646,000 topost 3.3 million messages.

The report said 21 senators – almost a quarter – spent nothing on mass mailings in the period. But sources suggested that they had used the service heavily earlier in the year and cut back when public criticisms made disclosure likely.

Congressmen in the House and Senate are expected to spend a record $144 million on newsletters this year. Paper is also supplied free.



Cher, the actress, being escorted by Mr Bob Makee, the fashion designer, to the Costumes of Royal India exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Latest last chance for Lebanon

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

Mr Rashid Karami has predictably referred to it as "our last chance to avert total collapse" although Lebanon – and its Prime Minister – have gone through so many "last chances" these past 10 years that the very phrase has a hopeless ring about it.

Nevertheless, at 5am today, 450 Lebanese soldiers, and 400 Lebanese policemen with just 40 armoured vehicles and a few Jeeps will yet again attempt the impossible by clearing the streets of the Muslim sector of Beirut of the hundreds of Druze, Sunni and Shia Muslim militiamen who control the western half of the capital.

The plan, of course, is a Syrian one. And Syrian state television duly ushered in this prospective era of stability with a half-hour programme designed to show just how close are Syrian-Lebanese relations and just how much the Lebanese want the Syrians to help.

Syrian tank and anti-air-craft gun crews have been interviewed at length on Damascus television beside their military installations in the Bekaa Valley, each claiming diligently that President Assad is the saviour of Lebanon. Lebanese families in the Bekaa appeared on the same programme, describing in glowing terms their apparent gratitude to Syria for its military presence in Lebanon.

The pictures of Syrian troops and armour were unprecidented, coming from so security-conscious a state. But the television transmission was clearly aimed at viewers in Lebanon as much as in Syria and it is unlikely to have convinced more than a few committed members of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party.

The latest security plan is even less impressive to the militiamen in west Beirut who have all been ordered by their commanders – after some Syrian "persuasion" – to lay down their arms when the Lebanese joint army-police patrols start work this morning.

As one member of Mr Wakid Jumblatt's mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party said yesterday: "It's another of those plans that we're all supposed to believe in – but nobody does. Eight hundred and fifty men are not a strong enough force to control West Beirdut."

Opposition party cries foul and quits Guyana election

From Jeremy Taylor, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Crying foul, Guyana's opposition leader, Dr Cheddi Jagan, withdrew his People's Progressive Party (PPP) frm Monday's general election and said he would not recognize the results.

The decision came after Dr Jagan and a British journalist, Tony Jenkins, covering the election for the BBC, were forced from a polling station at gunpoint, assaulted and taken to a police station.

Dr Jagan had tired to intervene when a party agent was denied entry to the polling station 15 miles east of the Guyanese capital of Georgetown. Mr Jenkins said "thugs" had ripped his shirt, taken his tape recorder and stolen his money. Police confiscated Dr Jagan's video camera.

Both the PPP and the other main opposition party, the Working People's Alliance, complained that their supporters had been turned away from polling stations and that party agents had been denied entry.

Dr Jagan said his party was withdrawing "to protect the lives of our polling agents" and claimed there was evidence of "massive rgging".

The Prime Minister, Mr Hamilton Green, promised an investigation into the attacks, but insisted that Monday's polling was free and fair. "It is not unusual for Dr Jagan and opposition parties to complain of electoral malpractices to justify their defeat".

The People's National Congress has held power for 21 years and its authority is constitutionally paramount. Opposition parties have demanded without success that polling should be conducted by an independent election commission and that the Army should have no responsibility for controlling and protecting ballot boxes.

The election commission provided the PPP with a full voters' list only on polling day. There were no outside observers for Monday's voting. The entry of journalists has been strictly controlled and some, including a correspondent for the *Financial Times*, have been turned back.

In 1980, members of an international observer team were briefly detained by police and later reported that the election was fraudulent.

The withdrawal of the PPP and allegations of fraud will not cause many tears in the ruling party. But they will make it more difficult for President Hoyte, who has been in office since August, to renew appeals for economic assistance from the United States, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Guyana is almost bankrupt, but Western assistance has dried up in reaction to the ruling party's economic management and authoritarianism.

The PPP's attempt earlier this year to form a Socialist alliance with the ruling party, which would then appeal to the Soviet Union for help, is unlikely to survive the election.

Gulf War pleas to Iran

Bahrain (Reuter) – Two Arab leaders have urged Iran to respond to attempts to end the five-year-old Gulf war with Iraq.

The calls came as the war went into a fresh spiral of violence yesterday with Iran and Iraq bombing each other's territory

Iran said its jets hit an Iraqi garrison at Al-Amarah, 40 miles west of the southern front, in retaliation for more than 500 sorties Iraq says it has launched on Iranian troops in the past few days.

Baghdad said its planes flew 153 more raids yesterday on Iranian troops and launched the 50th attack since August on Iran's key Kharg Island oil terminal in the Gulf.

In Abu Dhabi, the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, asked the visiting Iranian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, to see to it that Iran exercised "wisdom and reason and answer the latest initiative to end the Iran-Iraq war".

Tunisia loses boundary argument with Libya

From Robert Schuil, Amsterdam

The International Court of Justice in the The Hague has unanimously rejected an application by Tunisia that the court revise its earlier judgment on the delimitation of the continental shelf between Tunisia and Libya.

It was the first time that the World Court had been asked to reconsider one of its judgments.

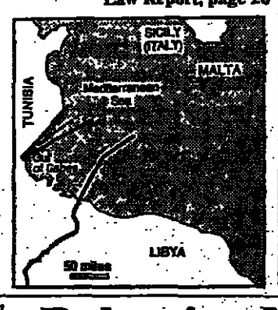
The court rejected a number of other points raised by Tunisia, including a request for an an expert survey to ascertain the precise coordinates of the most westerly point of the Gulf of Gabes.

Tunisia based its application for revision on the ground that "a new fact" had been discovered since the court's orginal ruling in 1982. But the court said yesterday that if that fact was unknown to Tunisia in 1982 "that ignorance was due to negligence on its part".

The case was also the first in the World Court's history with a woman judge taking part.

She is Mme Suzanne Bastide, who acted as ad hoc judge on behalf of Tunisia.

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Dumas rejects PLO as peace spokesmen

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Palestine Liberation Organization is "a fighting organization" which does not represent all the Palestinian people, M Roland Dumas, the French Foreign Minister, said in Jerusalem yesterday at the end of a two-day visit to Israel.

His remarks at a news conference would have delighted his Israeli hosts as they meant France would not insist on the PLO being spokesmen for the Palestinians in any peace negotiations.

M Dumas also said France believed the Palestinians had a legitimate right to a homeland and that those rights had to be taken into consideration. The difficulty was finding a way for the people to express their views as the PLO did not speak for all of them.

M Dumas, who met a small group of leading Palestinians not connected with the PLO during his visit, emphasized that France was not reviewing its Middle East policy. Meetings with Jordanian, Egyptian, Israeli and Palestinian leaders were part of French efforts to help to find a solution to the Middle East problem.

French allow firms to work on Star Wars

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

M Paul Quiles, the French Defence Minister, voiced staunch opposition to President Reagan's Star Wars research initiative in two days of talks that ended in Washington yesterday.

M Quiles, who was appointed after the resignation in September of M Charles Hernu, held talks on Monday with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

Although the French Government has made it clear it is not interested in the sort of formal government-to-government agreement reached with Britain, it wants to ensure that French firms make successful bids for some of the lucrative contracts being issued under the project.

Bulgarian Muslims can stay, Greek court rules

Athens (Reuter) – The Greek Supreme Court yesterday rejected a demand by Bulgaria for the extradition of three Bulgarian Muslims who say they fled the country because of a campaign to make them adopt Slav instead of Turkish names.

The three and their families crossed the remote, mountains land border between Bulgaria and Greece in April.

Bulgaria said it wanted to try them on charges of theft and burning down a church. But the London-based human rights body Amnesty International said, Mr Yusuf Bilaloglou, Mr Husseyin Mestanoglou and Mr Sait Mastanoglou, who are all in their thirties, would probably face death if they returned to Bulgaria.

Overturning a lower court decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Bulgaria's motivation for seeking the extradition was political. It cited provisions in Greek law that forbid extraditions sought "for reasons of political vengeance".

On hearing the verdict, Husseyin Mestanoglou's wife, Bahriye, said: "We're so happy, so excited." The three families now plan to settle in Turkey.

Western diplomats say Bulgaria's Muslims have been subjected to a violent campaign aimed at forcing them to change their names from Turkish to Slav ones. Bulgaria denies this.

The three wives told Reuters their troubles began in late 1984 when Bulgarian soldiers surrounded their villages near the Greek border and demanded that they hand over their birth certificates showing Turkish names.

Mrs Emine Bilaloglou said she knew of 15 people who had been killed during the name-changing campaign. She said a two-year-old child was shot dead when soldiers fired at its mother.

Brandt visit to Warsaw will encourage Kohl

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Herr Willy Brandt's visit to Warsaw has had the effect here which the Polish Government presumably intended.

West Germany politicians and newspapers, whether they approved of it or not, seemed to in broad agreement yesterday that the visit would encourage Chancellor Kohl to go to Poland. It was thought that, if that happened, General Jaruzelski would be sure to come here.

However accurate this speculation, the Brandt visit, coming a few days after General Jaruzelski's supposed appearance in Paris, has probably had the effect of making visits to and from the general appear a normal part of diplomacy to the average West German newspaper reader and television viewer.

General Jaruzelski was quoted here as saying, in answer to a West German correspondent in Warsaw, that a meeting with Herr Kohl would "serve bilateral ties."

But Herr Kohl could hardly go to Poland without visiting Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, since his Christian Democrats denounced Herr Brandt for not doing so.

West Germany's present attitude to the East provoked yesterday an unusually strong editorial in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, whose right-of-centre opinions are normally expressed less vigorously. Ingratiating West German handshakes with the oppressors were not limited to Social Democrats, the paper said.

A recent Christian Democrat-led Bundestag delegation to Moscow accepted many snubs, and still described its visit as a success, it added.

Praising the French boat company which refused to take Gereral Jaruzelski down the Siene, the paper wondered whether that would happen if the general came to Bonn and wanted a trip down the Rhine.

Swiss proposed as new UN refugee chief

New York (Reuter) – Jean-Pierre Hocke, a Swiss senior official of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), was nominated yesterday as the new United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The nomination of Mr Hocke, aged 47, by UN Secretary Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is expected to be endorsed by the General Assembly for a three-year term from January. Mr Hocke, director of ICRC operational activities succeeds Mr Poul Hartling, a former Prime Minister of Denmark.

He has held his Geneva-based ICRC post since 1982, and was for nine years before that the more junior director of operations.

Born in Lausanne, in 1938, he joined ICRC in 1968 and served in Africa and the Middle East.

He led the ICRC delegation in Nigeria during 1969-70, at the time of the Biafra war. He was head of the ICRC team based in Lebanon in 1970.

Anger over Galtieri acquittal

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

The opening shots in the debate that is sure to follow Monday's verdict in the human rights trial of Argentina's former military leaders were fired almost before the President of the Federal Appeals Court had finished reading the decision.

Human rights activists immediately attacked the verdict as too lenient because it fell short of the sentences requested by the Federal Prosecutor, Señor Julio Strassera.

Señora Hese de Bonafini, the leader of the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo human rights group, who caused a stir by walking out of the court in protest, called the trial "a fraud to the people" and said: "Argentina's ethical base will never be repaired until the assassins are tried by truly independent judges". Señora Herman Schiller, president of an influential Jewish human rights group, said the verdict "marks a sad day for democracy".

A coalition of human rights groups and youth groups will hold a 24-h9our rally beginning today to protest against the acquittal of General Leopeoldo Galtieri, Admiral Jorge Anaya, Brigadier Basilio Lami Dozo and Brigadier Omar Graffigna, and the reduced sentences received by Brigadier Orlando Agosti (four and a half years), General Roberto Vola (17 years) and Admiral Armando Lambruschini (eight years).

But other observers were less critical of the verdict, pointing out the unprecedented conviction of a former military President, General Jorge Videla, to life imprisonment (Admiral Emilio Massera, General Videla's Navy Commander, was also sentenced to life imprisonment). Señor Carlos Grosso, leader of the opposition Peronist Party, said the decision "is tremendously important for this country's return to democracy".

Señor Strassera has 10 days in which to appeal and said he was likely to do so.

The court had ordered that the trial's proceedings be sent to the Military Supreme Council for the investigation of crimes committed by lower ranking officers who were the equivalent of "field commanders" during the military's "dirty war" against suspected leftist guerrillas during the late 1970s.

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Boost for Sihanouk

From Mary Lee, Peking

China is giving new military supplies and humanitarian aid to Cambodian resistance forces and has promised to put "heavier and heavier [military] pressure along the Sino-Vietnamese border to compel Vietnam's troops to withdraw from Cambodia". Peking's latest initiative in the Cambodia issue was disclosed yesterday by Prince Sihanouk, leader of the anti-Vietnamese tripartite Coalition Government of Democratic Kanpuchea (CGDK), at the end of a three-day official visit by the CGDK leaders.

Prince Sihanouk told a press conference, which was also attended by diplomats, that he had been given a list of weapons and ammunition and other China. His two colleagues – Prime Minister Mr Son Sann and Vice-President Mr Khieu Samphan – would be getting their "new year gifts from China" tomorrow.

Mr Son Sann indicated that the humanitarian aid would be used to buy medicine and food.

Washington: The Senate has tightened non-proliferation safeguards on a controversial United States-China nuclear agreement (Reuter reports). An amendment requires President Reagan to certify before United States firms sell nuclear technology to China that Peking has agreed to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards, or their equivalent, on the peaceful use of such materials.

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THE ARTS

Opera

Poignant detail rather than general splendour

Le nozze di Figaro
Covent Garden

An opening spread in the programme book suggests we should see this as a celebration of John Copley's 25 years with Covent Garden, but luck is not with him at the moment. No sooner has *Semele*, his most recent production for the company, been cancelled than his 1971 *Figaro* arrives at low pressure, even though it is in the hands of an almost entirely new cast.

The only character to leap to life is Cherubino, who is a big, tousle-haired blond lad in Anne Sofie von Otter's interpretation, rushing about with coltish ungainliness and sounding delightfully fresh and eager. Vocally Miss von Otter needs nothing extraneous to establish the character. The youthfulness is in her tone, while the rush of confused feelings, and the naïve certainty of self, spring directly out of her very musical accounts of her two songs. This is an assured house début.

Also new to Covent Garden are J. Patrick Raftery as the Count and Günter Missenhardt as Bartolo. Mr Missenhardt is nicely reliable, and his spirited singing of his aria deserved to be better appreciated. Mr Raftery, who has been a Glyndebourne Guglielmo, seems not quite settled into a role he is singing for the first time. He became more convinced about his acting, and was singing more confidently by the time of his third-act aria, though he could still afford to bring more personality into his voice.

Opposite him as the Countess is an artist of more experience in Anna Tomowa-Sintow, but she was far from her best form on Monday night. There seemed, indeed, little chance that she could be mistaken for the Susanna of Yvonne Kenny, who began the evening a little backward but gradually opened out to produce rich-toned, polished and elegant singing. She may not be the wittiest of Susannas, but her care for the music gives the character an expressive richness; she just needs to develop more the stage manner to go with her vocal performance.

Jonathan Summers as Figaro is there already, though his impersonation is still further from comedy. This is not a Figaro who causes or sees much fun in the world. Where he has to think on his feet, in the second act, he looks and sounds rather embarrassed about it. He comes into his own when he can sing from passion: from the passion of class resentment or, a still stronger motivation, from the passion of sexual jealousy. In the last act he is more a Ford than a Figaro, though certainly his dark tone and his clear enunciation suit him for this view of the role, and certainly too he presents it with authority.

The lack of lighness is felt not only on stage but in the orchestra as well. Sir Colin Davis's affection for this music is not in doubt, but his strings are not always so sure, and it is a performance less of general splendour than of poignant detail: the trills in the middle of the third-act finale, for instance, had an extraordinarily intense, contained excitement. And there are other moments of pleasure in three miniatures of assured vocal acting: Patricia Johnson's Marcellina, Kim Begley's Basilio and Linda Kitchen's sweet Barbarina.

Paul Griffiths

Donald Cooper



Delightfully fresh and eager: Anne Sofie von Otter's Cherubino with Jonathan Summers's Figaro



Simeon Solomon at his most striking in *Carrying the Scrolls of the Law*

Theatre

White Rose
Almeida

Arriving at the Almeida in repertoire with Ian McEwan's *The Cupboard Man* (which I reviewed enthusiastically from the Edinburgh Festival), Peter Arnott's play is one of a remarkable batch of Traverse Theatre productions showing young writers examining modern issues through the free reworking of history.

Based on Bruce Miles's book *Night Witches, White Rose* is an account of the career of Lily Litvak, one of the first Russian women fighter pilots at the defence of Stalingrad, and a notable intruder into a profession which – despite post-revolutionary aspirations to sexual equality – had hitherto been a male preserve. Limiting his characters to the heroine, a girl engineer, and the squadron's captain, Mr Arnott tells her story so as to present an intersection-point between wartime comradeship, feminism and political hope.

The overriding priority for all three figures is to "kill as many Germans as possible". And the play's most obvious achievement is in combining this with the jealousies, suspicions and conflicting loyalties underlying the mask of comradeship. Lily herself – played with unnerving composure by Kate Duchene, who steps from daily life into propaganda films with the same serene smile – is virtually immune from these undercurrents.

She is a pattern of Soviet heroism; and thus becomes the object for a competitive struggle between her two companions. When Ina (the engineer) springs to her defence when the Division refuses to accept a woman pilot, it is for feminist, not patriotic, reasons. Likewise, when Alexei (the captain) takes her into his "boy's flying club", it is his first move towards sharing her bed.

Throughout the first act, both in its dramatized scenes and passages of epic narrative, the play succeeds brilliantly in showing the ideas of the 1980s struggling into existence in a wartime context. Later, unfortunately, Mr Arnott takes advantage of easy hindsight and throws in references to Nicaragua and Greenham Common. Even then, however, Stephen Unwin's production holds your attention, thanks to a company (Ken Stott and Tilda Swinton) who succeed in transmitting extreme experience through modest and precise underplaying.

Irving Wardle

Donald Cooper



Modest and precise underplaying: Tilda Swinton (left), Kate Duchene, Ken Stott

Concerts

RPO/Dorati
Festival Hall/Radio 3

At 79 Antal Dorati is not going to change the way he conducts Beethoven; this current London cycle of symphonies and concertos proves that. It is a volatile, terse and hard-driven way that commands respect rather than affection. For in an essentially sunny programme (Symphonies Nos 2 and 8, Piano Concerto No 4) his absorbing passion for lurid surface drama too often seemed to go against the music's grain. Every time a silver lining of lyricism threatened to appear, Dorati pounced on it with a cloud of thunderous *forzandos*.

Yet the sheer efficiency with which he whips an orchestra into shape is still admirable. Tight ensemble and an excellent rhythmic sense are always hallmarks of Dorati's performances (even if his dotted rhythms and staccatos seem extreme at times), and this is allied to an equally gutsy orchestral blend.

Some movements undoubtedly responded well to this treatment. The heavy accentuation of the Second Symphony's *adagio* opening instilled an appropriate feeling of expectancy, and expectations were perfectly met by the bristling, tightly-disciplined allegro that followed. The finale's mood of rude jocularity was well captured, and the melodramatic reduction to a whisper before the end was not ineffective, even if the wallop on the drums with which Dorati chose to break the spell was more in keeping with Verdi's "Dies Irae".

But more often Dorati's view seemed lop-sided. Obsessed with the bar-to-bar "sound" he seemed to forget he was conducting a symphony. It was certainly a glorious noise for instance as the recapitulation of No 8's first movement approached – but the cellos and basses, who have the all-important theme, were completely swamped. Elsewhere the approach sounded uncomfortably heavyweight in texture and tempo: No 8's minuet was a particularly stolid example.

If one sought a model of a well-balanced Beethoven interpretation one had only to listen to Vladimir Ashkenazy's playing in the concerto.

Ashkenazy is not averse to emphasizing the accents and cross-rhythms where necessary – some of the exchanges in the finale had almost a brazen playfulness. Yet this superbly lithe reading had so much more: deft changes of pace in the first movement, allowing both the quicksilver filigree and the more rhapsodic passages to find their proper ambience; cadenzas of provocative theatricality; and a slow movement where the soloist emerged only once (at the outbreak of the trills) from an austere and remote pianissimo.

Richard Morrison

Armstrong/Parsons
St John's/Radio 3

Contrivance and calculation ruled at Sheila Armstrong's recital with Geoffrey Parsons on Monday. From the cunningly educative compare-and-contrast exercise of her alternating Brahms and Strauss Ophelia songs to the last coy Britten and Strauss encores, the ear and eye were held almost entirely by mode and manner rather than by any intrinsic vision that either composer or performer had to impart.

Almost; because in the fragmentary unaccompanied Brahms settings of Shakespeare, made to seem all the more concentrated by their juxtaposition to the Strauss, Armstrong's voice found its truest centre. She pressed their spare, intense declamation into tiny haikus of pain and tenderness, perfectly poised, perfectly achieved. Strauss's settings, thorough and self-contained, gave Geoffrey Parsons the chance to emphathize with the voice's gasping gaiety and frightening brilliance in "Guten Morgen, 'f ist Sankt Valentinstag", and to recreate with Armstrong Strauss's dizzying vision of life colliding with death in "Sie trugen ihn auf der Bahre bloss".

The rest of the recital was something of an anti-climax. The point about Britten's Pushkin settings, *The Poet's Echo*, is that, unlike the acoustics of St John's, there is no reverberance: very little actually does come back to the listener. Even in Peter Pears's translation, I found that the terse precision of Armstrong's and Parsons's performance only emphasized the short-term expressive vision of the six songs. Apart from its macabre etching of "Angel", almost *Canticle-like in its intensity*, the voice, like the writing itself, seemed to be straining after a spectre.

Rossini's "Sins of Old Age", the three Venetian regatta songs, should have reactivated the pulse and sent this reverent audience away with a kick of the heels and a spring in their step. But Miss Armstrong's mouth smiled more than her voice, her eyes flashed more brightly than the chattering words, and it was left to Britten's "Johnny" (one of the four Auden Cabaret Songs) to touch the nerves with its tender disillusionment.

Hilary Finch

Galleries

Distinctly decadent

Solomon: A Family of Painters
Geffrye Museum

There were three Solomons known to fame as painters, and the most famous of them today is certainly Simeon – though perhaps not entirely on the strength of his strictly artistic work. However, for all the notoriety of his scarlet sins and his spectacular degradation to the gutter – a Victorian morality if ever there was one – he certainly emerges from the Geffrye Museum show *Solomon: A Family of Painters* (until December 21) as easily the most interesting and individual.

The other painting Solomons were Abraham (1826-1862) and Rebecca (1832-1886). They are much closer to the norm of mid-Victorian painting, and on their account the show falls naturally into the succession of other shows at this museum such as that devoted to George Elgar Hicks. (There is also a strong local interest, since the Solomons emerged from the more prosperous element of the East End Jewish community which lived hard by Kingsland Road.) Their allegiences are with the every-picture-tells-a-story approach of Frith and Hicks rather than anything so new-fangled as the Pre-Raphaelite, and what they set out to do they do extremely well – particularly Abraham.

He in fact achieved altogether too much fame at the time because one of his paintings of modern life, *First Class: The Meeting*, told rather more of a story than perhaps he meant to tell. In the first version he shows a young man looking interestedly at a suitably demure young woman in a railway carriage while her elderly male companion snoozes in a corner. This was judged outrageously indelicate, and so he painted another version (both are included in the show) in which the young man chats to the older man while the girl keeps herself to herself. The first, not surprisingly, is livelier, but it is hard to see what all the fuss was about.

Simeon (1840-1905) belonged to the next generation, and emotionally to a different world. He was a Pre-Raphaelite (very much in the manner of later Rossetti), a homosexual and an alcoholic, and spent much of his later life, after his "disgrace", in the workhouse. Actually he could have done with a good dose of early Pre-Raphaelite attention to detail to stiffen his rather droopy work a bit, as without it he is all too likely to drift off into anatomically vague studies of dreamy androgynous youths with faint and wispy moustaches.

However, he does at least create a distinctly decadent visual world of his own, the outlines of which are neatly filled out in Simon Reynolds's book *The Vision of Simeon Solomon* (Catalpa Press, £20) published to coincide, which also contains the full text of Solomon's lengthy prose-poem *A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep* (1871). Perhaps Simeon's most striking works are those which reflect on contemporary Jewish life and ritual, a subject largely ignored by his brother and sister. But it is illuminating to encounter all three.

John Russell Taylor

Pantomime

Jack and the Beanstalk
Shaw

Billed as "the cheapest Christmas show in the West End", David Cregan's book and Brian Protheroe's music offer a straightforward, unremarkable version which observes the vulgar proprieties to a nicety.

Perhaps you know the story. Finding herself threatened with eviction by sneering, grasping neighbours, a poor country widow named Mrs Robinson (Matthew Kelly, shorn of his barbered beard) sends her peppy young son Jack (Vicky Licorish) to sell their unproductive cow Milky White. The five magic beans he comes home with are dashed to the ground in vexation, and before you can say "J.R." a double helix of vegetation leads him up to a Brobdignagian kitchen where rope-lengths of spaghetti are being prepared for supper.

Deidre Clancy's design limits our view of the mighty-voiced giant to a single foot which has to be tickled with a garden rake by the henchmen of the nefarious major domo Cosmo (Martin Chamberlain). J.R. decamps with a bag of gold, the humble cottage is handsomely refurbished and the rediscovered Milky White gets quadruply legless on dandelion-and-burdock ("We'm stewed", sing the rustics).

J.R.'s second thieving foray comes unstuck when Cosmo's men pursue him back to earth and demand fresh victuals for their paedophagous master. We do our utmost to convince them that we all have measles and are therefore unfit provender, but two future citizens, plucked from the audience and given a clean bill of health by a high-tech measles-testing machine, find themselves the meat in a hamburger replete with onion rings and a blanket-sized lettuce leaf with its own yard-long caterpillar.

Saved at the last gasp, they escape with the gold-laying hen and a glamorous human harp (Jaye Griffiths) before the vengeful giant gets his comedownance in thunderous fashion. Celia Bannerman's production is well-balanced and evidently effective, although one cannot but observe what one first noticed 30 years ago, that it is adults, not children, who find pantomime funny. Perhaps one needs to grow up.

Martin Cropper

Television

Abiding obsessions

In Trust – Houses and Heritage (Channel 4) was concerned with those great or at least large houses which have been bequeathed to the National Trust – this is rarely a question of altruism, however, since most such bequests are prompted by dire financial necessity. One former owner even wondered if he "had let the side down" by disposing of his property. But, to alter the words of the play, whose trust is it anyway – that of the families who built and occupied the houses, or that of the nation in which they are situated? This is one of those unfathomable questions which no one with any sense would attempt to answer.

Robert Robinson, wearing rather a nice white hat which must at one stage have belonged to a lepidopterist, compared the Trust properties to Romantic narratives but, in homage to that ancient superstition which suggests that houses bear the characteristics of those who once inhabited them, I prefer to see them as resembling the bodies of the dead which wait to be reanimated: when the casual tourists pass through the halls and marbled galleries, they become possessed by the dead and so dream of being the masters of all they behold.

This can be quite a pragmatic vision, of course, and Mr Robinson interviewed one American architect who had discovered a sixteenth-century dwelling and had restored it. He adopted it but, as Mr Robinson observed as they walked down the haunted staircase, now the house had adopted him. Less determined visitors, however, come only to acquire "nostalgia for other people's grander past" – although one such tourist went beyond nostalgia, and intimated some feat of reincarnation.

On one level such an interest is really only another form of historical gossip, which is perhaps why the attraction of last night's programme was less in the architecture of the houses than in those who had owned or worked in them. But this was a proper emphasis since in the process it became clear that these properties are built from dreams and ambitions just as surely as they are constructed out of bricks and stone. And that of course is one of the duties of the National Trust: it must keep intact a full image of the past, since the "trust" is as much to those who bequeathed these things as to those who come and stare at them.

Peter Ackroyd

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SPECIAL REPORT

By Philippa Toomey

The fight against infection

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Today, as the Queen opens the new Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale, north London, we look at the drive to control diseases

Shortly after Professor Alan Glynn took over as director of the Central Public Health Laboratory in 1980, he remembers an Italian coming into the neo-classical facade of the old building, and exclaiming: "The Temple of Microbiology"!

In those days, it was not so much the shortage of money as the shortage of space that was the problem. The shortage of money is now more acute, but at least they now have the space to cope with the sudden expansion of the number of infections they need to deal with. The extra money given them last week to help with the problem of Aids is welcome.

"There are two sorts of infection", says Professor Glynn. "In broad principle there is an infection that comes and gets you – like the plague and smallpox, which don't worry us here; and then there's measles and flu and whooping cough, which infect normal healthy people. Most of these, until recently, were controllable, if not always controlled.

"On the other hand, we all carry vast populations of microbes, some of which will get you when you are down, when you've had an operation, or get burned, or have a nasty leukaemia, or a transplant. The reason for these infections has been a major preoccupation over the last few years. With legionella and Aids, the balance has changed again. It makes it a very exciting time to be doing clinical microbiology.

"When the PHLS was founded, the microbiology service in hospitals was a bit primitive – now it's very good, so that we tackle the difficult ones, though we will always have a major service role to deal with outbreaks and problems which need special help."

Research is another of their great preoccupations. "For example, the DNA techniques come from the very fundamental research of the kind that people say 'Why do you do that?' and 10 years later you suddenly realise why. It's our job to take these techniques and turn them into tools which any lab in the country can use reasonably easily and reasonably cheaply. The DNA probe for various toxins, when in use, will make things very much easier, quicker, and much more specific.

"We also have this increased interest in plasmids – particularly if you find a plasmid which controls the making of an enzyme which destroys penicillin. Bacteria have only one chromozome, which looks like a rolled-up ball of string, and controls all the functions of the bug. But there are extra bits – like little rings – which are not essential, or needed, and can be got rid of, and they disappear – or they just keep one going for the fun of it.

"When there is a lot of penicillin around you discover the bugs where the plasmids survive. They make more plasmids, and the plasmids control the making of an enzyme which destroys penicillin. We can now isolate plasmids, and characterize them in great detail. They also tend to jump from one bug to the next – rather like viruses – so that you can track their progress from one bacterium to another. We can now trace bacteria in very detailed 'fingerprints' – their proteins, their DNA, or their plasmids," he says.

"Then there are monoclonal antibodies – a great help in tracing or detecting particular organisms – and we are developing methods of rapid diagnosis which were not possible until recently. It is important to detect legionella quickly – finding the source can take a week to 10 days. What we need is a rapid test – like a piece of paper you could dip in, while operating out of the boot of a car – and it *will* come."

Research grants have come from the EEC

Another advantage of the new building is a small teaching lab for seminars and short training courses for medical and non-medical microbiologists sent by the British Council and World Health Organization.

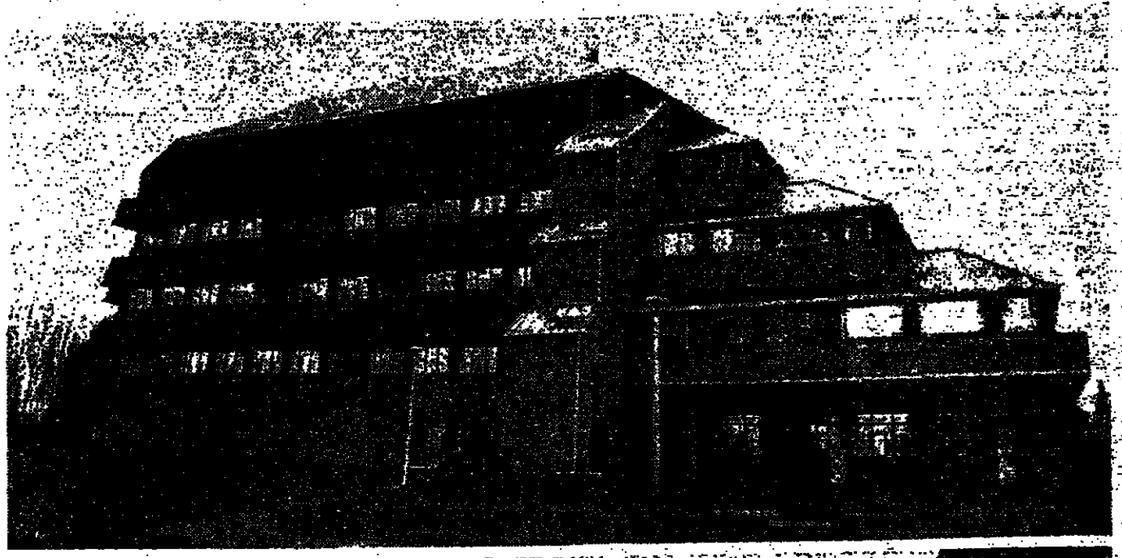
Funded by the DHSS through the PHLS board, posts have been frozen recently, and good cases have had to be made for filling vacancies, though a number of new posts were, so to speak, built into the new building.

Research grants also come from, among others, the Medical Research Council, from the EEC for research into plasmids, and from the Wellcome Foundation.

"We can, by ourselves or with the help of the people in the service, mount a major operation, like the very rapid setting up of the Aids screening."

He points out that had the recent recommendations that the 52 regional laboratories of the PHLS been turned over to the health service, the Central Public Health Laboratory would have remained but "we would have had our arms and legs cut off" and the network of information which is so essential to their work would have had to be rebuilt.

The life of a director of the CPHL seems to be extremely healthy – all his five predecessors, including the first, Sir Graham Wilson, who was 90 recently, are all alive. But, as he says: "Just when we thought we knew it all – we don't."







The new building for the CPHL (top); Professor Alan Glynn (above); and the high security laboratory, where nothing leaves the cabinets without being sterilized

From prefabs to a £14m laboratory

The new Central Public Health Laboratory which has been 18 years in the planning, seems, unlike the Barbican, to meet with almost universal approval. Morale has definitely improved, says the director.

The architects, Robert Matthew Johnson Marshall and Partners (RMJM or Rumjum to their friends) were faced with the problem of designing a large building on a rising site in suburban Colindale. At one side ran the romantically named Silk Stream, now a dirty urban brook into which rainwater poured off carparks and concrete, giving a 50-year flood line on the area.

This meant that half the site could possibly be flooded once every 50 years – so the building had to be placed on the other half.

During the planning years, there was at least one major revision, but the result is a large and complex building, not a monstrous block. Its basic form is three stepped blocks, one behind the other, the five storeys diminishing in size, floor-by-floor, faced in brick, with roofs which look like slate, but are corrugated metal, under which is steel.

Everyone expresses relief at leaving the old building, in which they froze in winter and fried in summer. Opinions differ as to whether the 1930s block was worse than the addition built in the 1950s. Some worked in prefabs with an estimated life of five years – extended to 40. All are agreed that the cramped conditions were really hindering the capacity to get work done.

Today they can see the trees and the sky and even the urban townscape of Colindale can look good on a nice day. The spacious laboratories are at the back of the building, because it was earlier thought that scientists using microscopes, like artists, needed a north light. The back of the building is air-conditioned, the front containing offices, is ventilated naturally.

As RMJM point out, the services in buildings of this size, like heating and ventilation, normally account for 10 per cent of the cost. For the CPHL the cost is 40 per cent, for the extremely complex and sophisticated system required for 400 people using 80 primary laboratories, services which include 36 controlled environment rooms, extras such as air extraction for biological safety cabinets and the High Containment Facility installed by Hi-Tech Scientific.

It also contains a 150-seat theatre, and a library, which brings together for the first time the material formerly lodged in the old cow shed and hidden in cupboards and stores all over the old buildings.

To build the laboratory (costing £14.1 million) and within the budget and on time, a joint venture partnership was formed especially for this job by Mowlem, which was responsible for the building work, costing £8.4 million, and the services were installed by Andrews Weatherfoil, part of the Powell-Duffryn Group.

No one will remember how awful it was

Next year the plants will have grown over the series of pergolas which lead up to the modest front entrance. They are bright red, like the railings round the top of the building, a small detail which enhances the whole. Indoors, in the unaccustomed space, including the staff restaurant, coffee lounges and common rooms, is, by some mysterious mutation of Parkinson's law ("Work expands to fill the time available for its completion") filling up rapidly. The old building has gone: and soon, no one will remember how awful it was.

Screening kits to beat the bugs

"We've had a busy autumn", says Dr Margaret Supran, of the Division of Microbial Reagents and Quality Control (DMRQC). Part of the division produces reagents for the diagnosis of bacterial and viral infections, and the other part runs the National External Quality-Assessment Scheme for Microbiology (NEQAS). Their interests range from the familiar, such as diarrhoea, food poisoning and flu to the newer, nastier hepatitis B, legionnaire's disease and Aids.

The lists of viral and bacterial reagents look like a sinister shopping list, some quite recognizable, but there is a sublist with at least 10 kinds of legionella. They are a reference serology centre of legionnaire's disease, and have been working on it for the past seven years, getting the strains from America to produce antisera for diagnostic tests.

Tests are important – for example, E.coli (a bacterial infection) and rotavirus (a viral infection) can both cause infantile diarrhoea, but the first can be treated with antibiotics, and the other cannot.

Quality control tests the 600 laboratories in the scheme (487 in the UK, 113 elsewhere) by sending out sets of simulated clinical material for examination as a test of skills and abilities.

Rubella (german measles) is an important part of their life: of the 17½ litres of viral antigens produced in 1984 ("and that's a *lot*", said Dr Supran) 15.5 litres were of Rubella antigens.

Then there is what they call HTLV 3/LAV, but the rest of us call Aids – at the moment they have been sending kits to the Blood Transfusion Services for the setting up of texts and helping in the assessing and maintaining the quality of the screening with the kits available (which have been tested in another part of the CPHL, the Virus Reference Laboratory).

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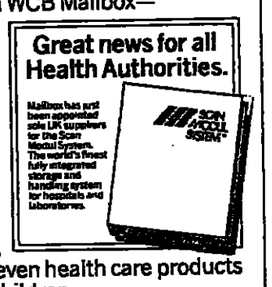
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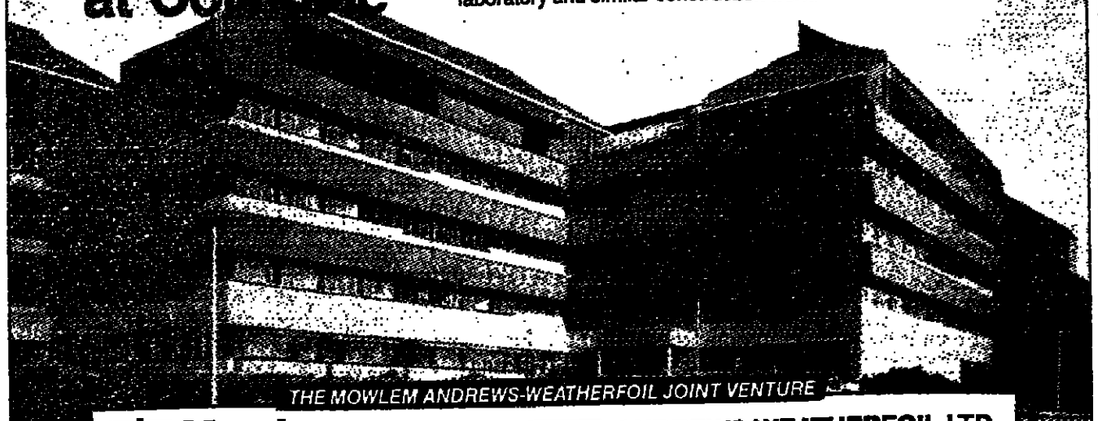
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Keeping the community safe from germs

Dr Jo Smith, a medical microbiologist, has been appointed recently as director of the Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS). It functions essentially as an epidemiological service, aiming to minimize the effect of infection in the community. Through its 52 laboratories in England and Wales it monitors and detects infection in hospitals and the community, forming a network with general practitioners and providing a community health reference at Colindale, north London, and through the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre.

Dr Smith points out that the information can be translated into action in the sterilization of water, food hygiene regulations; vaccination and immunization programmes, and the administering of antibiotics to cases and carriers of diseases to prevent the spread of infection.

In food poisoning, which is common, control mechanisms have been already worked out.

He cites the chocolate bar story – source of an infection (salmonella napoli) which affected small children and their grandmothers – where a small chocolate bar from Italy was the culprit. There are other areas, such as legionnaire's disease and Aids, where the control mechanisms are still to be worked out.

Legionnaire's disease can be controlled by ensuring that the organism, which is widely distributed in nature, does not grow to high levels in water in cooling systems and that engineering in ventilation systems prevents the suck-back of infective waste into, for example, an out-patients department.

Aids is probably the highest priority now. "We have evaluated the kits that have been developed by commercial organizations – one of which has a contribution from the PHLS, the virus is being cultured at the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research at Porton Down for a British manufacturer," says Dr Smith. There is now a nationwide testing service in the PHLS laboratories available to GPs and

There should be higher vaccination rates

health authorities, though the major effort will be to prevent its spread, in the absence of effective treatment or vaccine.

They are monitoring the growing epidemic of whooping cough – due to a fall in vaccinations caused by public concern about brain damage in vaccinated children.

There should be a higher incidence of polio vaccination – about 80 per cent now and there should be a much higher vaccination rate against measles – a disease which can be serious, and in the United States is now almost completely controlled.

The PHLS is, of course, in a good position to spot a health hazard nationally, all the more necessary with the incidence of air travel, where people disperse throughout the country, and the national distribution of food. The fire brigade function is demonstrated by the Stafford outbreak of legionella, with three skilled laboratories in Manchester, Birmingham and Preston, working together, co-ordinated by the Central Public Health Laboratory on the blood and water tests, working flat out.

In this establishment of a network of information, the Communicable Disease Report, published weekly by the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, drawn from confidential reports from the PHLS and hospital laboratories, is circulated to medical officers in environmental health throughout the country.

Dr Spence Galbraith heads the centre, and is responsible for the collation of information, and for alerting the Department of Health and the PHLS on new developments, outbreaks and trends, with the aim of getting action taken.

At Porton Down, formerly a department of the Ministry of Defence, CAMR, transferred to the PHLS in 1979, has been given the task of doing health related work, and optimizing its income by offering first rights and refusal on the marketing of the products of their research to Porton International Ltd.

CAMR is, in addition to work on Aids, developing a new whooping cough vaccine and a drug which can find and dissolve blood clots in the heart and circulatory system.



Directing the fight against health hazards, from left: Doctors Jo Smith, Richard Gilbert and Roland Hill

Red bean for danger

Forty per cent of everything we eat is imported, says Dr Richard Gilbert, of the Food Hygiene Laboratory.

This accounts for 15 to 16 million tons a year, 3½ tons of which comes into London. It includes wine, cereals, grain, tea and coffee, and one of the routine jobs of the laboratory is to test it. The other is trouble-shooting, after an infection.

Last year there was some pasta "heavily contaminated with bacteria, which produced a heat resistant toxin, so it wouldn't make any difference if you cooked it, you might still be ill, and some 50 people were", he says. The Italian manufacturer had been using unpasteurised egg, and as pasta has to dry slowly at almost body heat, it was ideal for bacteria. "They couldn't believe their luck – and grew to tremendous numbers," says Dr Gilbert.

And the laboratory investigated the newly fashionable goat's milk, as regulations cover only cow's milk. The goat homogenises her own milk, so it can be frozen, and it passed with flying colours. Raw cow's milk is still causing totally preventable outbreaks – pasteurisation is compulsory in Scotland, but not in England and Wales, and 3 per cent of milk which remains still causestrouble. There is also the red kidney bean – please cook them, says Dr Gilbert. If you just soak them or undercook them you will be ill.

They are undertaking a microbiological quality survey of the biggest caterer in the world, serving 20 million meals a year to the world's airlines at Heathrow – covered, as he points out by not one but three local authorities.

There have been visitors from 85 countries in ten years for short periods of training, which is a part of the laboratory's work, in addition to reference work, teaching and writing scientific papers. And does the doctor enjoy his food? The answer is "Yes!"

The battle to keep up with nasty viruses

Lassa fever is the great frightener but, as Dr Susan Fischer-Hoch points out, in a country like Sierra Leone, where she has just spent six weeks with a large number of cases, only 1 per cent die. Moreover, with 500 patients, barrier nursed and with proper medical care, there were no infections in the staff.

The Viral Zoonoses laboratory specializes in rare haemorrhagic fevers which not only affect man, but are the viruses of animals, like the rat, conveyed through mosquitoes and ticks.

The laboratory provides diagnostic services, research and public education, going out into the field, and collaborating with others, such as Americans, who are doing a lot of advanced work. In London they are a Category p4 centre so they can cope with the highest form of any hazard known, or yet to arrive, to a standard where nothing at all can get out of the laboratory.

Virology, she says, is an advancing field – just how close the haemorrhagic fevers are advancing we may not realize, but the Korean variety (3,000 cases in the UN forces in Korea) has appeared in 30 cases in northern France before anyone realised they had it.

Exotic strains

"We haven't had a serious epidemic of flu since 1969-70," says Dr Philip Mortimer of the Virus Reference Laboratory. It used to be once every 10 years. Flu, of all viruses, keeps changing, and it is the emergence of a new strain which produces an epidemic. New vaccines must contain the new strain to be effective. "So we'd go on collecting strains and doing isolates even if there hadn't been a pandemic for 40 years," he says.

The laboratory tends to concentrate on the more exotic and nasty problems: they also keep an eye on the polio vaccines because, as it is a live virus, it is essential to know which is a vaccine strain and which is a live strain – and on viral meningitis, myocarditis (inflammation of the muscles of the heart, which kills babies) the polyoma viruses, which cause various degenerative diseases of the brain and affect those with suppressed immunity. Then there is the group of papilloma viruses, probably implicated in cervical cancers, now on the increase and appearing in younger women.

"The parvovirus was discovered here in 1975 by Dr Cossart and Dr Field, with the South London Blood Transfusion Centre, Tooting. It produces a condition in children called Fifth Disease, and arthritis in their mothers. We're doing two studies on this."

On Aids, the laboratory has been responsible for setting up a national diagnosic system, evaluating the commercial kits, of which there are a number, providing confirmatory testing, and doing about 13,000 diagnostic tests in the course of a year. The routine work will devolve to the other laboratories in the service now that they have the tools for the work, but the important reference function will remain with the laboratory.

Hazard of hepatitis

The principal concern of the small Hepatitis Epidemiology Unit is the life and works of the hepatitis B virus. "Its prevalence is low, but it's nasty," says Dr Sheila Polakoff. The eradication of infection of dialysis units with hepatitis B, common in the early 1970s, following studies by the unit, was an early success.

But the rate of hepatitis B has risen again in the past year or so, a consequence of the growing number of drug abusers and those in close contact with them. The unit is studying an infection from carrier mother to child, found in women of Chinese, African or Asian origins.

It is essential to immunise the child within 48 hours of birth, and the screening for this condition is difficult, needing the help of ante-natal clinics, GPs, pediatricians, community health centres and hospitals, to spot the potential sufferers.

The unit is also undertaking a survey of the infection (HCLV 3) in Aids – taking a sample of homosexuals and heterosexuals of both sexes from 12 places in the country to get some better idea of the spread of the disease.

Patients found to be positive will be followed up. As Dr Polakoff says: "We can only guess at the number of people who will develop the symptoms."

A museum of specimens

The national collection of type cultures, founded in 1920 at the Lister Institute, is a living museum of specimens containing 4,000 different kinds of bacteria of medical and veterinary importance, all permanently stocked and ready for supply or sale, for quality control, education, training and familiarizing purposes.

As Dr Roland Hill, the director, points out, all are freeze-dried (as in coffee) and are therefore without hazard – each ampoule holding about 10 million bacteria in suspended animation. They issue 6,000 cultures a year, using a computerized order system, 75 per cent to the UK, 25 per cent abroad. Each specimen is sealed in glass, wrapped in absorbent material, put in a tin, wrapped again, put in another tin, and wreathed in documentation. The Post Office dropped a mailbag containing some specimens and then ran over it – the result was squashed, but not broken.

If you want to patent a microbiological process, you deposit the culture with them – they are an international depository authority, there is also mycoplasma reference, recently moved from Norwich.

Research continues for the new plasmid section. Soon the records will be computerized – a vast task undertaken in co-operation with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Food poisoning: The threat remains

Three departments have amalgamated to the division of Enteric Pathogens, under Dr Bernard Rowe, which provides the reference services for intestinal pathogens, the salmonella for food poisoning and the types of typhoid, paratyphoid or dysentery.

Infantile enteritis (with large outbreaks in the 1940s and 1950s) has now dropped off, and no one quite knows why. There are others, rather similar, like campylobacter, on the increase.

Success can be claimed in the disappearance of typhoid, partly due to better provision for water supplies and the treatment of sewage, but there is still the carrier who may become a food handler.

Another success is the eradication of paratyphoid, following the regulations of 1963 on the pasteurisation of liquid egg. The division is a World Health Organization reference centre for typhoid and paratyphoid identification, and has helped set up centres in Peru, Chile, and Jakarta, Indonesia.

Food poisoning is not a success story. "Every bovine and chicken in the country has salmonella sitting in its bowel which, with inadequate refrigeration, thawing and cooking will reach us," says Dr Rowe, remembering the struggle to eradicate a strain of salmonella from the largest breeding flock of turkeys in the country.

The division also does research into drug resistance in these organisms – for example there is a bacterial dysentery in Central Africa and elsewhere which is resistant to eight kinds of antibiotics.

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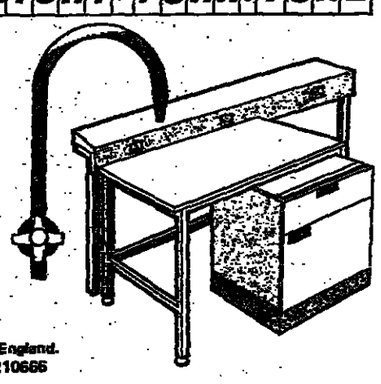
Ten per cent of people in hospital will collect an infection there – some of it resistant to anti-biotics – a situation closely monitored by the Division of Hospital Infection.

The Mycology Reference Library, under Professor Donald Mackenzie, deals with fungi, which cause simple things like athlete's foot and ringworm, known to the public, but also handles dangerous "opportunistic" infections in immune suppressed people.

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JOINT STATEMENT BY PORTON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health, announced in the House of Commons today, that the Public Health Laboratory Service Board, an integral part of the National Health Service, has signed an agreement, effective 1 April 1985, with Porton International Limited, a leading international British biotechnology company. The agreement is exclusive and covers the Marketing and Distribution of all products and processes of the PHLS Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research (CAMR), an internationally acknowledged centre of excellence in applied biotechnology.

The Public Health Laboratory Service Board attaches much importance to maximising the income generating potential of CAMR. After consideration of a range of options in the private sector to achieve this objective, Porton International has been chosen, because as well as having a broadly based international marketing and distribution capability, it has demonstrated a commitment to converting the technology being developed at CAMR into commercially successful products and businesses.

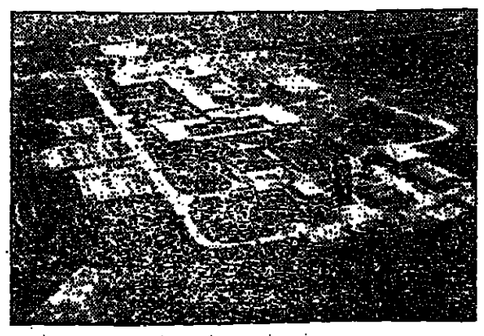
Porton International already has an established record as a company with considerable commitment to research, development and production at CAMR, covered by a number of existing agreements and has developed a close working relationship with staff at CAMR.

The Department of Trade and Industry, which is responsible for the overall government policy on biotechnology, welcomed this agreement especially in view of their substantial commitment to the funding of development programmes at CAMR and with the Porton International Group at CAMR.

This agreement is seen as a major advance in the policy to see British technology exploited and developed fully for the national benefit.

A FURTHER STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 26 JULY 1985

The Public Health Laboratory Service Board has entered into a further agreement with Porton International Limited whereby Porton International Limited will construct and operate a new fermentation production plant, funded wholly by them, at the Centre for Applied Microbiology and Research (CAMR). Up to one third of the new plant will be made available for public health laboratory service research and development activities at CAMR.



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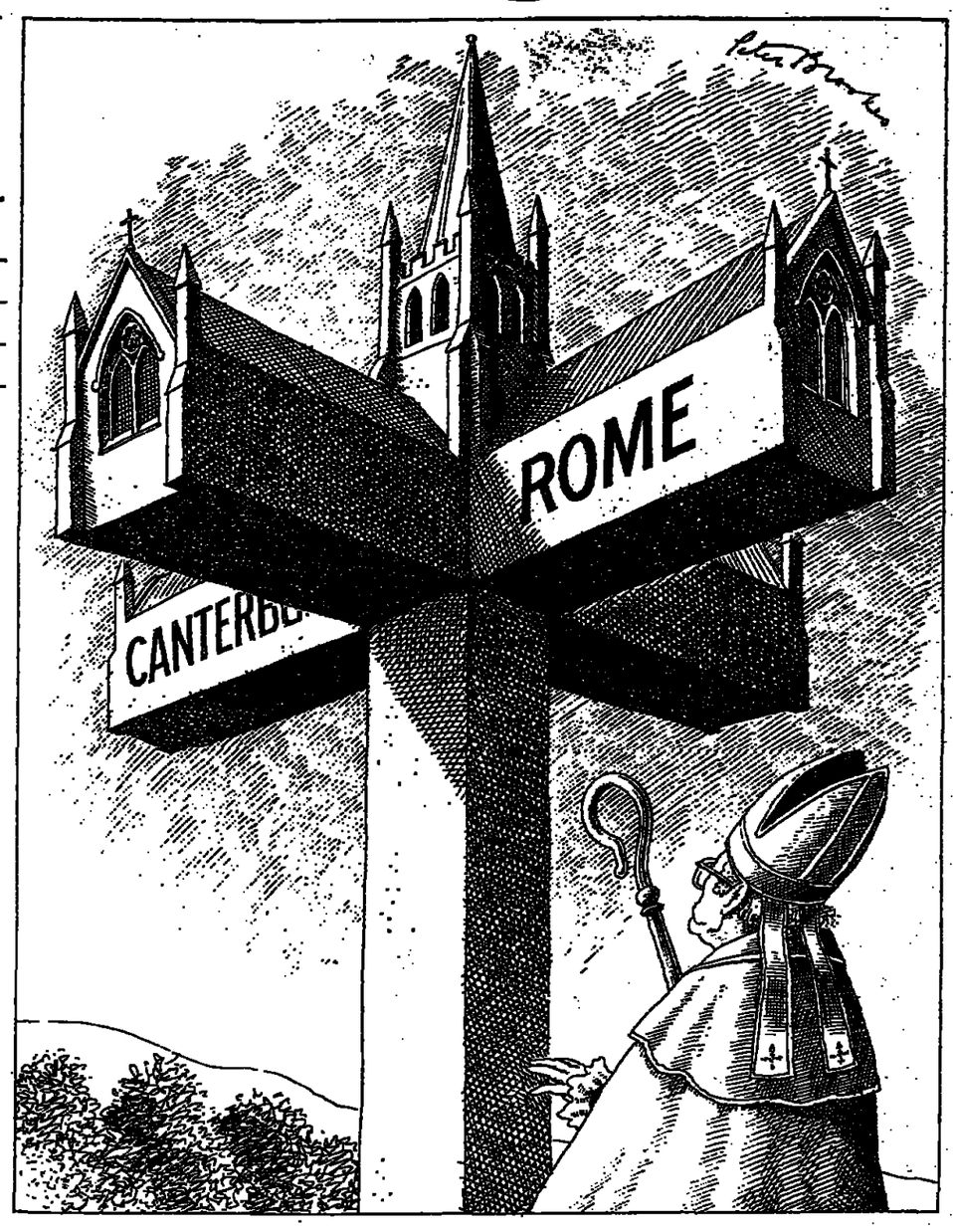
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A Church searching for identity

The Times Profile: The Church of England
Part 1: Back to the roots

As the Anglican Church clashes once more with the State over inner-city deprivation, Clifford Longley analyses the conflicting forces working within it



At the moment of consecration, all the bishops present swarm around the man about to join their ranks as he kneels before the altar, each one reaching through *this grand ceremonial scrum to place* his hand on some part of the victim's body, preferably his head. It looks like an upside-down flower arrangement. On one such occasion, the story goes, a child asked his clergyman father what exactly they were doing to the new bishop. "Pulling out his backbone", came the inspired reply.

It is a very Church of England sort of story. No matter how extravagant certain MPs may become in coining phrases to condemn the latest Anglican venture into politics, as happened again last week, someone in the Church itself will have thought of something even wittier and crueller to say. Churchmen may love each other a lot, but sometimes they do not seem to like each other very much. But the "Oxford Union" rules apply: you can be as rude as you like as long as you are oblique, elegant and ironic in the doing of it.

Without such civilized rules of engagement, however, the Church of England might have torn itself to pieces long ago. If ever an institution contained the seeds of its own destruction, this one does. But Anglicans tend rather to enjoy and congratulate themselves on the contradictions and conflicts built into their particular brand of the Christian faith. "It is illogical but it works", is the motto of the Church of England. And every kind of hushing and shushing known to man is swiftly and effectively deployed against anyone daring to suggest that it doesn't work, or doesn't work very well. The Church believes, like someone else, in the "There is no alternative" defence of what otherwise might be indefensible.

This, too, is fair enough. If an Englishman is persuaded of the merits of Christianity, either by *looking at it from the outside or by* being brought up in it, the Church of England is the obvious body to belong to. The Roman Catholics are, well, Roman Catholics; and Methodism, Quakerism, Presbyterianism are an acquired taste. So the most obvious contradiction in Anglicanism is this: there is no test of faith required for membership, and yet the church claims to stand for something.

It is not altogether surprising, then, that each of the recent public controversies between Church and Government should have raised, in progressively sharper form, the question – what exactly is Anglicanism, this thing which claims the right to challenge the way ministers minister and governments govern? Where are they coming from? For what or for whom do they speak?

The Church of England likes to say it believes those things which all Christians, everywhere down the ages, have held in common, a deliberate "lowest common denominator" kind of faith. It implies that those things which Luther, Calvin and the Pope were agreed on in the *16th century are the essential truths* of Christianity, and the things they despised and condemned each other for are secondary. Luther, Calvin and the Pope would not have agreed. They thought they were arguing about essentials and they would have regarded Anglicanism's indifference to these disagreements with horror. For the parties in the Reformation, it was the truth of Christianity that was at stake.

Anglicanism as a lowest common denominator of Christianity has nevertheless cultivated in the English the implicit idea that there is one natural normal form of the Christian faith, its own proper shape: that which it automatically adopts if the extremists of ultra-Protestantism or Romanism can be kept at bay. Thus for the great majority of the English, "Christianity" and "the Church of England" are synonymous.

Historically speaking or seen from abroad, that is a very strange view, but it is a key Anglican idea. In particular, it suggests that Anglicans do not need to have any particular authority figure or any authoritative foundation document such as all other denominations possess. On any disputed question, all you have to do is to find out what "normal" Christianity has to say, and there's your answer.

It has not been good for the English that foreigners tend to collude with this notion, that English styles of dress or table manners are accepted as the norms of civilization when Japanese businessmen dine with Brazilians in central Africa. It has been good for the Church of England, though. It has fathered Anglican churches all over the globe, all believing that there is such a thing as "normal" Christianity and that its homeland is England.

These are myths, as is obvious as soon as they are stated. In fact, Anglicanism is a complex composite, and an actual "normal" Anglican would be very hard to find. It is a product of history, of English self-understanding, and of the unresolved doctrinal disputes of the Reformation and since. Its own history is difficult to disentangle from English political history as a whole, just as Anglicanism is difficult to disentangle from Englishness. What is significant about the present state of the Church, and of its relationship with the State and with the Government, is that the disentangling process has started. Questions are at last being asked.

They are thrown up not just by the current fashion for Church reports, statements or speeches critical of the Government of Mrs Thatcher. In a more acute form they are thrown up by internal developments in Anglicanism itself. For instance, should the Church of England ordain women to the *priesthood, thereby departing from* the "all things believed by everyone everywhere" definition of the Anglican faith? Has the Bishop of Durham repudiated the foundation of the Christian faith by his honest doubts about the Virgin Birth? And can the Church of England ever reconnect itself to the Latin rite Church of the West from which it sprang, the Church of Rome?

All three questions are intensely preoccupying the church's attention and there is enough dynamite in any one of them to blow the Church of England out of the water should it jog the detonator before it can be defused.

There is another way of approaching this search for Anglicanism, starting with three archetypal figures in the contemporary church. Anglicanism has three primary colours. As a painter squeezes his three oils onto his palette, mixing a bit of this and a bit of that to make the shade he wants, so each member of the Church of England selects what he wants from each of the three doctrinal baselines currently available. Every member of the church may thus design for himself a tailor-made version of the Christian faith.

The three, taking their names in vain, may be represented by: Dr David Samuel, director of the Church Society; Father Peter Geldard, secretary of the Church Union; and the Rev Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. And so we may classify the Bishop of X or the Archdeacon of Y, the local church warden or the latest recruit to the local Mothers' Union, as so many per cent Samuel, so many per cent Geldard, so many per cent Cupitt. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, for instance, would be about 70 per cent Geldard, 15 per cent Samuel, 15 per cent Cupitt; the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins, 60 per cent Cupitt, 30 per cent Geldard, 10 per cent Samuel.

Dr David Samuel, who looks like everyone's idea of an Old Testament prophet with a full set of bushy whiskers, was director of the Protestant Reformation Society and a vicar in East Anglia before he became, in 1983, secretary of the Church Society, the classic "Evangelical" Anglican pressure group. *During the Pope's visit in 1982 he* organized a small demonstration in Trafalgar Square in protest.

He is an heir to the Protestant and Puritan tradition in the Church of England, which is for him represented by the 39 Articles of Religion, the only official confessional statement the Church of England possesses. He deplores the fact that the 39 Articles have been relegated to the status of "historical formularies".

Dr Samuel once attacked the Anglo-Catholics (see below) as the source of all the decadence of modern English society. Roman Catholicism is beyond the pale, though not of course Roman Catholics as individuals, towards whom he is kind and charitable.

Father Peter Geldard is secretary of the Church Union, the main co-ordinating body for the Anglo-Catholic movement in the Church of England, which stems from the Oxford Movement of Pusey, Keble and Newman of *150 years ago. He* says mass, hears confessions, prays for the Holy Father (Pope John Paul II) and counsels anxious Anglo-Catholics against becoming Roman, at least not yet. His Church of England is "the ancient Catholic Church of this land".

The Roman Catholic Church in England, which he may one day join himself, is an anomaly: the "Catholic Church" worldwide has three parts, Rome, Orthodoxy, and Anglicanism. It is the one great imperative of Father Geldard's churchmanship to see them united, and the one bit he can do something about is the uniting of Canterbury to Rome. The means to this is the series of official negotiations on disputed doctrinal matters carried on in the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission; the greatest threat to it is not Dr Samuel, for whom he has no personal animosity, but the ordination of women, now approaching (unless he and his Anglo-Catholic lobby can stop it).

Meanwhile, the tactic is to introduce into the main bloodstream of Anglicanism as many ideas and practices of the Roman Church as possible.

Sceptical, erudite, provocative and obscure, the Rev Don *Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel* College, is the archetypal Oxbridge theology don. He writes books, lectures and makes successful television programmes (*The Sea Of Faith* was his) with a message, the essence of which is that modern man has come of age and modern religion must do likewise.

There is room for faith in his modern Anglican religion, but not faith in something "out there". A *man's God is his inner guiding light*, the truth round which he builds his life. Metaphysics is an outdated and untenable system of ideas – God has no "supernatural existence" – and those who insist on holding on to that notion of God are stuck with childlike credulity which they ought to outgrow.

It is striking that the first two of the above three archetypes have founded their concept of Anglicanism with reference to Roman Catholicism, which is something many English Christians spend most of their time not thinking about. Harold Nicolson once wrote that the average Englishman has just two ideas of religion, that the Roman Church is wrong and that the rest don't matter. It is really hardly surprising that the Rome-Anglican thing emerges so strongly, however, as the whole ideological framework of the Church of England was constructed against that background in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Fundamental questions about the future shape of the church are bound to take it back to its origins in the Reformation, and the English medieval church is still like a ghostly presence within the modern Church of England. It gave it, after all, an entire inheritance of superb buildings, and it also cannot be ignored – though Anglicans seem to try – that in terms of practice English Roman Catholics now outnumber active members of the Church of England in the ratio of at least four to three.

TOMORROW

Modern dilemmas of the Anglicans

Reagan's judges take control

They are the President's judges. They are heading a revolution in the administration and interpretation of American justice. They sentence more people to death and jail more people for longer. They carry an ideological torch on abortion, school prayer and free enterprise. They are less tolerant of homosexuals and unconvinced by affirmative action. They are highly politicized. And they may be President Reagan's most lasting legacy.

Reagan-nominated federal judges are being approved by the Senate at rapid-fire rate, more than 65 so far this year alone. By the end of his term Mr Reagan will probably have appointed more than half the 743 federal trial and appellate judges. The greatest prize of all, the Supreme Court, is tantalisingly close to falling before his ideological push.

Presidents like to nominate judges who will rule in their favour but Mr Reagan has turned custom into a cause.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, which has a Republican majority, is supposed to vet nominees but has become little more than a rubber stamp. No Reagan nominee has been turned down. Leading Democrat Paul Simon says: "We have so many names coming at us so rapidly it becomes difficult to do the kind of intensive work that needs to be done."



Adversaries: Simon (left) and Meese

Mr Edwin Meese, the new (and ultra-conservative) Attorney General, is a strong personal and ideological ally of his President and the man responsible for sweeping changes in the way American justice is conducted. He seems to see the law as an instrument to advance the President's social agenda.

Public opinion is with the President. Polls show that Americans want the courts to mete out tough justice, and conservative judges tend to do just that. Capital punishment is overwhelmingly supported, according to the polls. It is no accident that under Reagan more people are in prison than ever before. And 40 convicted killers have been executed in the past two years, compared with only eight in the seven previous years.

Business feels freer nowadays. The Reagan judges, numbering more than 200 so far, keep out of the way of free enterprise more than ever, except in blatant cases like price fixing and bid rigging. But in many important respects business can conduct itself in ways that previously would have resulted in a spate of lawsuits.

It is too late for Democrats to hope to stop the steamroller. They now look fearfully to the aging nine-member Supreme Court. Five justices are in their seventies. President Reagan is just a few heartbeats away from leaving his ideological imprint on the nation's top court.

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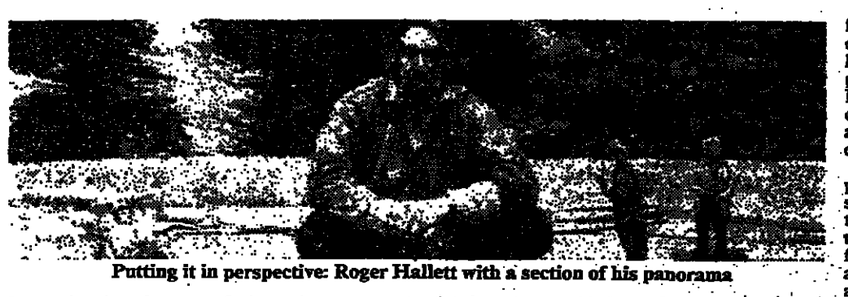
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Bath in the round, captured on canvas

A panorama of the Georgian city will soon be complete. Simon Tait reports



Putting it in perspective: Roger Hallett with a section of his panorama

A hot air balloon, a disused fuller's earth factory, a crane, a Colchester dentist, the shareholders of a unique company, Ted Dexter's greyhounds, Jane Seymour's horse and a great deal of goodwill have contributed to what is expected to become a major new attraction for Bath – a giant picture by the Realist painter Roger Hallett.

Hallett's Bath Panorama, a painting 200ft long and 24ft high, is thought to be the biggest painting on canvas in Britain, although it is still only three-quarters finished. It will go into its custom-built display rotunda next spring and in 1987 will stand in Bath's Royal Victoria Park, if the city council agrees at its meeting in the New Year.

The painting will have taken Hallett four years, working full time. "Every morning for years I came jogging up here on top of Beechen Cliff in Alexandra Park just so I could look at the amazing view of Bath", said Hallett, who lived and worked in the city for 20 years. "You can see every aspect of Bath from here: the old city, the modern developments, the rural outskirts. I longed to find a way of painting it".

He takes amateur artists abroad on painting holidays and one annual visit is to The Hague. "In 1982, looking at the Mesdag Panorama of Sheveningen there, I realized I had found the way to paint this view – a 360° picture".

For the right perspective he needed to photograph the entire scene from at least 10 feet above the hill, and Bath University made their balloon available to him so that Hallett could hover. Later, in the absence of the balloon, a local company trundled a crane up Beechen *Cliff for him to perch atop.*

Then he needed a studio big enough, and on the outskirts of the city he found a redundant factory in which Laporte Industries had made fuller's earth; they gave him the keys and work began in 1983.

The Colchester dentist is Hallett's old friend Douglas Pike, whose brainchild is the financing scheme. With Hallett and himself as the only – unpaid – directors he set up Bath Panorama, a private limited company which qualifies to be included in the Business Expansion Scheme. With a share capital of £100,000 it can issue shares (the minimum holding of the £10 shares is 50) with the special attraction for purchasers that their investment is allowable against income tax. Each shareholder's portrait appears in the panorama's foreground.

"No businessman would have taken on a project like this", said Douglas Pike. "No businessman would have the essential streak of madness. But being involved has been a wholly delightful adventure, and apart from £200 from the Arts Council all the £12,000 we have raised so far has come from shareholders. And we are just about in the black".

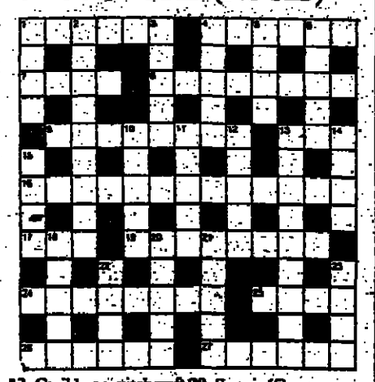
The company cannot advertise under the Government scheme so potential investors are invited to private views of the painting in work at the studio. Not all the recognizable figures are shareholders. Hallett's family are there, his daughter with the horse she exercises for the actress Jane Seymour. The carpenter who designed the scaffolding will be added, and Tom Mayer, a Royal Opera House scene painter who taught Hallett how *to paint large, is included.* Hallett wanted some dogs in the scene and was once commissioned to sculpt Ted Dexter's, so they are there too.

Otherwise the painting is a faithful representation of Bath from the north at three o'clock on a sunny June afternoon. "I had to learn about perspective properly for the first time", said Hallett. "It actually works quite differently from the way you assume it does when you paint on the flat."

In the final presentation the perspective will be helped by 80 sculpted figures in the well of the rotunda, all seeming to react to the presence of the balloon from which the spectator is apparently slung, just as the artist was. The figures have been made in clay by Hallett's students under his guidance.

If the city council approves the site the panorama will attract an estimated 100,000 people a year to Royal Victoria Park. The rotunda will be moveable, and in 1988 it will be part of the panorama exhibition planned for The Barbican.

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From acupuncture to yoga: the many ways of stopping smoking

How the cigarette meets its match

Women are taking up smoking earlier than ever and in greater numbers despite the risks. Lee Rodwell reports on the reasons – and the possible remedies



Health hazard: cigarette smoking is more dangerous for women than for men

Smoking used to be seen only as a man's problem. Today, it is becoming a woman's issue as well. Since the early 1970s, the numbers of adult men who smoke have been decreasing steadily, but the gap between men and women has been narrowing. In 1972, 52 per cent of adult men in Great Britain (that is the over-16s) smoked cigarettes compared with 41 per cent of adult women. In 1984, 36 per cent of men and 32 per cent of women smoked cigarettes, and, for the first time, more women aged 16 to 19 smoked than did men of the same age (32 per cent compared with 29 per cent).

Last week a report by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys showed that smoking by young teenagers, unlike adult smoking, is on the increase, and that 45 per cent of girls aged 16 now smoke. It seems that as fast as their mothers quit smoking, their daughters are taking it up.

Yet, for women, the risks of smoking could be even greater than the risks for men. Like men, women who smoke risk increased rates of lung cancer, and, although lung cancer during the last 20 years has been declining slightly among men under the age of 65, it is still on the increase in women. If lung cancer deaths in women continue to advance at the present rate, the disease will overtake breast cancer as the leading cancer killer among British women by the year 2010. In America this is thought to have happened this year.

Although heart attack under the age of 55 is extremely rare in women who do not smoke, the risk is increased if they smoke and take oral contraceptives.

There is also some evidence that cervical cancer is more common in women who smoke cigarettes, especially heavy smokers or women who have been smoking for several years. But the relationship between smoking and cervical cancer is contentious.

Women who smoke may be less fertile than non-smokers – smoking appears to decrease levels of certain female reproductive hormones and substances inhaled in cigarette smoke may alter the timing of the egg's journey through the Fallopian tube.

Once a woman has conceived, smoking can double her chances of miscarriage, and, on average, smokers have more complications in pregnancy and labour. Babies born to women who smoke are also, on average, 200 grams lighter than babies born to non-smokers. At the other end of the reproductive scale, it has been found that the menopause occurs, on average, two to three years earlier in smokers.

Given all these disadvantages, why do so many women still smoke? ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) points the finger of blame at the manufacturers. Their leaflet says: "The cigarette manufacturers are doing their best to sell more cigarettes to women because they believe that, although men are buying fewer cigarettes, they can still increase their profits from women."

ASH believes there may be a number of reasons why women, especially, find it hard to kick the habit of smoking. In the past, women have been urged to stop for the sake of other people – in particular, their children – rather than for their own sakes. ASH suggests in addition: "When women do stop smoking they often find that their families, friends and colleagues cannot, or will not, put up with the irritability and mood changes they may experience. For this reason many receive less support when they stop smoking than men do."

Even so, it is a myth that women find it harder to stop smoking than men do, according to a number of experts in the field. Martin Jarvis, a clinical psychologist at the Addiction Research Unit of the Institute of Psychiatry, says: "Many men stop smoking cigarettes, but switch to cigars or pipes and continue to inhale. When women stop smoking cigarettes they tend to stop altogether".

There are now about 10 million ex-smokers in Great Britain, more than 3½ million of them women. If you would like to join their ranks, what is the best way of going about it?

Cure or kill? A guide to giving up

Acupuncture: It is possible that a course of acupuncture could help someone, already motivated to stop smoking, to cope with the symptoms of withdrawal. To find an acupuncturist, check your Yellow Pages and then contact the British Acupuncture Association (01-834 1012) to confirm that he or she is a registered practitioner. Needles are put in the patient's ear, then a small electrical charge stimulates the site. The fee for the first visit is £22 and for the second £17. Specialists here say that, if the treatment is effective, only two visits should be necessary.

Aversion Therapy: Methods vary from blowing hot smoky air into the face of smokers as they smoke to making smokers inhale every six seconds and chain-smoking until they can tolerate no more. Early results were promising, but later studies did not produce strong support for this method, which is now rarely used.

Bets: Help from friends and family can be crucial. Try making a bet with someone that you will stop, or get someone to sponsor you for a donation to charity, or to promise a "reward".

Courses and Clinics: These tend to wax and wane with demand. Contact your health authority or local health education officer for details. ASH (01-637 9843) may also be able to help. Methods vary. You may be told about the effects of smoking, how to cope when you stop, tips on the best ways to stop (see Full-Stop Courses, National Society of Non-Smokers). You may also find group support helpful.

Diary: Some people, such as Dr Christiaan Barnard, suggest keeping a diary of every cigarette you smoke so that you can work out when you may be smoking from habit rather than for pleasure. The idea is that you can reduce your intake by monitoring your smoking routine before stopping completely. The other use of a diary is to mark a day, some way ahead, when you plan to stop smoking.

Eating: American research suggests that the more acidic your urine, the more rapidly nicotine is excreted, thereby increasing the craving for cigarettes. One group of smokers in America, who were given doses of sodium potassium, cut down from 30 cigarettes a day to one or two within five weeks. A diet high in alkaline foods would include beans, raisins, spinach, carrots, soya bean flour and celery, and would avoid acidic foods such as wheatgerm, lentils, macaroni, lamb, chicken, egg, beef and coffee. A book on the subject is the *Stop Smoking Diet* by Jane Ogle (Sphere Books, £1.50).

Full-Stop Courses: This is just one example of private courses available. These courses, run by Gillian Riley, herself an ex-smoker, at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth in St John's Wood, north-west London, take place once a month over two weekends, and clients are given phone follow-up if needed. The idea is to change people's mental approach, to show them why they smoke, what makes it difficult for them to stop and why they may backslide. Clients pay only after they have stopped smoking, according to what they would have spent on cigarettes. This usually works out at around £100. For more information phone 01-444 6876.

Hypnotherapy: No controlled or comparative trials have shown it to work better than simple support, plus a placebo. However, individual therapists claim a high success rate. Sessions usually involve a discussion of the advantages of giving up smoking and the risks of continuing. The patient is then put into a relaxed state and given suggestions that will develop a strong determination to stop smoking for good from this point (See Yellow Pages).

Nicotine Gum: Nicorette has been available in Britain since 1980. It was developed, and is manufactured, by a Swedish company, AB Leo of Helsingborg, who admit that, while the nicotine gum is not a miracle, it can help to alleviate some of the more unpleasant withdrawal symptoms. Many experts would agree. However, the gum has to be chewed slowly, otherwise the nicotine is released in one go, tastes awful and goes into the stomach instead of being absorbed into the bloodstream through the mouth.

Experience has shown that including Nicorette in the usual treatment doubles the chance of success. It is available only on a private prescription and comes in two strengths. The lower, two-milligram size costs around £7.30 for a box of 105 pieces, about two weeks' supply.

Over The Counter "Cures": There are a number of "stop smoking" remedies that can be bought from the chemist or through mail order. Some claim to alter the taste of cigarettes so that they are no longer pleasant to smoke. Experts say these are little better than placebos.



Up in smoke: two-fifths of all teenagers have the habit

Replacement Activities: Once you stop smoking you may need to distract yourself from the idea of smoking. If you sit there worrying about it, you will probably succumb to temptation. Try chewing gum or matches. Find something to do with your hands: take up knitting or get a Rubik's cube. If you usually smoke after a meal, get up and take the dog for a walk, or do the washing up.

Societies: National Society Of Non-Smokers: This is a voluntary organization that has a walk-in information and advice centre at Latimer House, 40-48 Hanson Street, London W1, open from 11am to 5pm daily and manned by ex-smoking volunteers. The Society also runs smoking cessation courses, either on a once-a-week basis or an intensive five-day plan. The courses cost £10. Advice is free. The next intensive course starts on January 6. For more information, phone 01-636 9103.

Helpful literature is also available from certain organizations. The best leaflet available is *So You Want To Stop Smoking* from the Health Education Council, 78 Oxford Street, London WC1 or from the Scottish Health Education Group, Woodburn House, Canaan Lane, Edinburgh. ASH produce a booklet on women and smoking, and other information. Their address is 5-11 Mortimer Street, London W1 (01-637 9843).

Videos: If you don't like the idea of group meetings, it is possible to hire a video to help you from the comfort of your own armchair. Atlantis Leisure, for instance, has *Stop Smoking For Good!* based on hypnotherapy techniques. According to the company, you would need to hire the video for two one-hour sessions. The video comes with an ordinary audio cassette and a set of written instructions, including five sentences to be learned by heart, such as: "I have been totally foolish in the past in allowing myself to become addicted to tobacco." There are also some simple physical exercises. Cost of hiring is £2 per session. Atlantis Leisure is at 34 Gerrard Street, London N1 (01-359 6439).

Yoga: The Cancer Research Campaign supported a one-year preliminary trial of yoga for stopping smoking. The experiments, at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge, confirmed that smoking rates tend to go down in people who practise yoga. Certainly, any form of relaxation or meditation that can help to cope with stress may be useful. In any case, it's very hard to smoke a cigarette when you are standing on your head.

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- Specific treatments, no matter what their type, are not as important as other factors. If smokers are not strongly motivated to stop, *no* treatment will work. If someone really wants to stop, *most* treatments will work.
- Well over 90 per cent of the 10 million or so ex-smokers in Britain gave up without using any aids at all.
- If you have tried to kick the habit in the past and failed, it does not mean there is no hope. According to ASH, someone who has a history of starting and stopping is more likely to be successful than someone who is stopping for the first time.

Standing orders for buffets



Boldness is a virtue in buffets. Cutting a dash is more a matter of decent food than of matching plates, of a grand sweep in preference to the dainty. With so much very good fresh prepared food available at this time of year – when better to buy the side of smoked salmon, half a Stilton, or a whole ham? – it is really not too difficult to put on the dog without knocking yourself out.

As a matter of fact this is not the best time of year to buy a Stilton. Because demand is so high at Christmas the cheesemakers try to bring as many cheeses as possible to peak condition all at once. This means slowing down the ripening of cheeses made early, and hurrying the maturing process of those made more recently. Of course there are some magnificent specimens available as a result, but these will go to those who know their Stilton or the supplier.

Traditional or original buffet entertaining can be as time-consuming or as easy as you choose. I like old fashioned cold cuts, game and rare roast beef with home-made potato salad.

There is no call to do more, but when there is a party to cook for I cannot resist filling up the orange enamelled terrines which sit in a cupboard most of the year, and getting out the biggest bowls and serving dishes. It is all the antithesis of nouvelle cuisine.

Terrine of game
Serves eight to ten

- 1 pheasant
- 1 large chicken breast, or more game
- 120ml (4fl oz) port
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 450g (1lb) minced pork, lean and fat
- Fresh sage
- Salt
- 225g (8oz) venison sausages
- Pork back fat or streaky bacon to line the terrine
- 1 pig's trotter, split (optional)
- Aspic (optional)

Almost any combination of game and pork makes a good terrine provided that the pork contains enough fat to prevent the whole from being dry.

Cut the breast meat off the pheasant and slice it lengthwise into strips. Cut the remaining meat off the carcass and set it aside. Cut the chicken breast into lengthwise slivers too and marinate these, with the pheasant breast, in the port. Add a generous sprinkling of black pepper to the dish and leave it to marinate for at least an hour.

Finely chop or mince the smaller pieces of game and mix them with the minced pork. Season the mixture well with finely chopped sage, freshly ground black pepper and salt and fry a teaspoonful to test its seasoning. Remember that this will be less distinct when the mixture is served cold.

Take the venison sausage filling out of the skins and roll it into small balls.

If you are using pork back fat to line the terrine, chilling it will make it easier to slice into thin sheets. Alternatively, flatten thicker slices by beating them out. Use the back fat or stretched rashers of streaky bacon to line the base and sides of a terrine of about 1.25 litres (2¼ pints) capacity.

Put about a third of the minced pork in the base of terrine. Drain the marinating game and chicken (saving the marinade) and lay the pheasant strips on top of the pork. Add a second layer of minced pork to the terrine, followed by the strips of chicken, then the balls of venison sausage meat and finally the remainder of the minced pork. Pour the reserved marinade into the dish.

Laying a split pig's trotter over the meat while it cooks is another defence against dryness.

Cover the terrine with back fat or bacon and a lid or foil and stand the dish in a larger vessel. Pour in boiling water to come half way up the sides of the terrine and bake it in a preheated moderate oven (180C/350F, gas mark 1) and continue baking it for another 2½ hours. Cool the terrine with a 1 kilogram (2lb) weight on it.

Like most pâtés and terrines, this one benefits from two or three days maturation in the fridge. It may be served just as it is or stripped of fat and coated with aspic.

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

Like the game terrine, a fish terrine can be served as a first course or as a main dish with salads. Use all salmon (farmed is fine) or mix whole pieces of salmon with a mousseline made from cheaper white fish.

This terrine has a particularly pretty finish of chopped herbs – dill if possible but finely chopped parsley would do – which are simply pressed on to the top and sides of the terrine after it has been unmoulded.

Terrine of salmon
Serves eight to ten

- 340g (12oz) skinned fillet of salmon
- Salt
- 30g (1oz) butter
- 2 tablespoons brandy

For the mousseline

- 340g (12oz) skinned fillet of salmon or firm fleshed white fish
- Salt and cayenne pepper
- 2 egg whites
- 600ml (1 pint) double cream

To finish

- A large bunch of fresh dill or parsley, very finely chopped

Cut the first piece of fish into long strips about 1.25cm (½in) wide and thick and salt them. Fry the fish gently in the butter, cooking it lightly just to firm it. Put the cooked fish in a dish and sprinkle it with the brandy. Set it aside to cool.

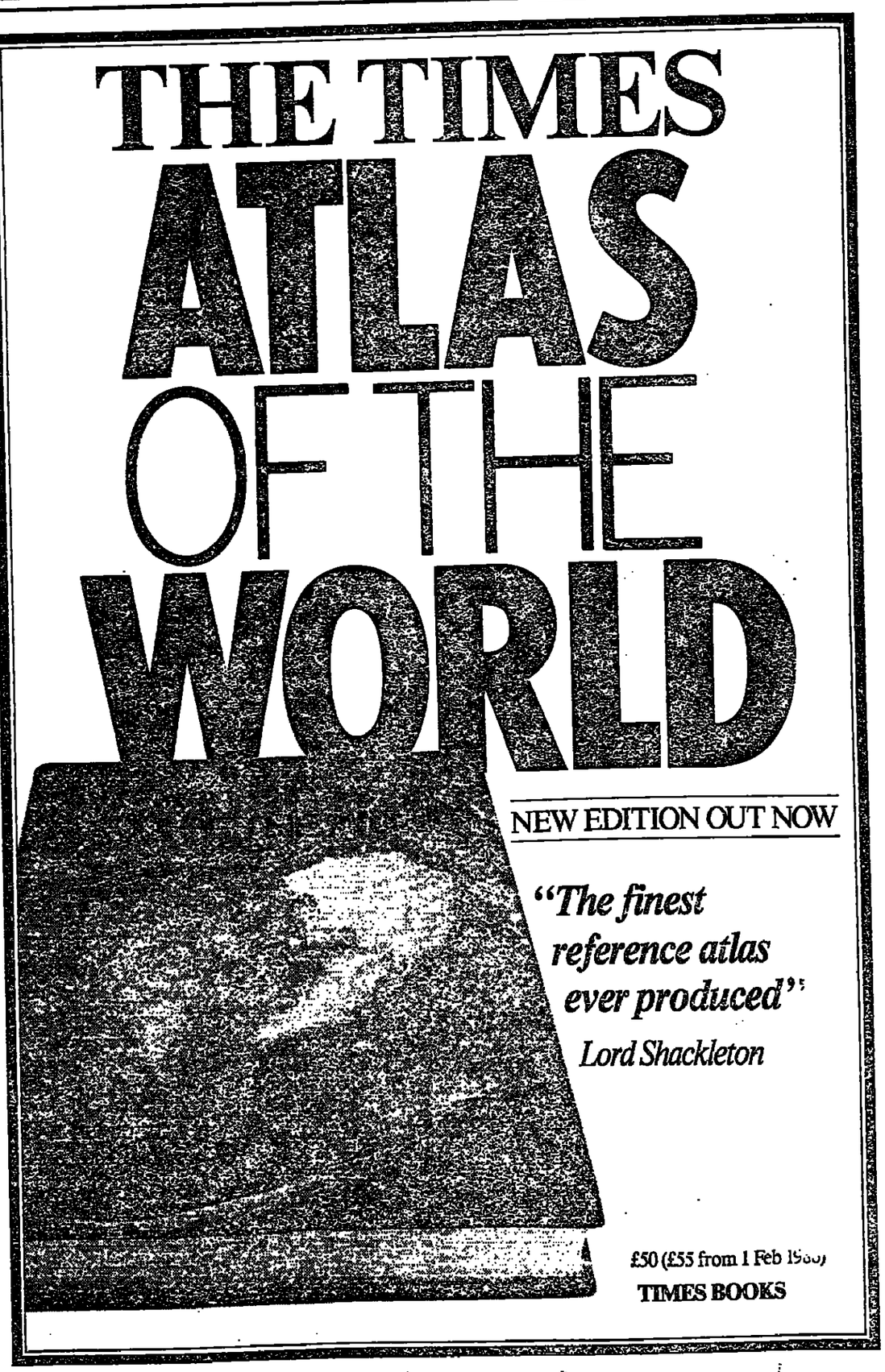
To make the mousseline make sure that all the ingredients and the food processor are well chilled. (Fish mousseline can be made by hand but it is such a drawn out enterprise.)

Dice the second piece of fish coarsely and put it in a processor with the egg whites. Purée these thoroughly then, with the machine running slowly, pour in two-thirds of the cream and season the mixture with salt and cayenne pepper. Put the bowl in the fridge while you poach a teaspoonful of the mousseline in simmering water to test its texture and seasoning. If it is too firm, beat in more of the cream; if it is too slack, add more egg white.

Line a terrine of about 1.25 litres (2½ pints) capacity with well-buttered greaseproof paper and spread half the mousseline over the base. Drain the fish strips and add them in a thick layer, then top with the remaining mousseline.

Cover the terrine with a lid or foil and set it in a larger vessel. Pour in boiling water to come about half way up the sides of the dish and bake it in a preheated moderate oven (180C/350F, gas mark 4) and bake it for 40 to 50 minutes. Test it with a skewer which will come out warm and clean when the terrine is cooked. Leave it to cool in its dish and when it is completely cold, unmould it on to a clean work surface.

Press finely chopped dill or parsley on to all sides of the terrine and serve it in thick or thin slices with salads. An accompanying green sauce of thinned mayonnaise well flavoured with fresh chives and blanched and puréed watercress goes well with the salmon.



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THE TIMES DIARY

Baton charge

The baton owned by Nazi Field Marshal Erhard Milch, which is to be sold at Phillips on Friday, has now become the subject of an extraordinary legal row. Right-wing historian David Irving read in this column yesterday of the proposed auction of what he calls "stolen property", and contacted the Milch family in Germany. They have now instructed solicitors Peter Carter-Ruck to stop the sale. The vendors are the family of the late Brigadier Derek Mills-Roberts, who broke the baton over Milch's head after discovering Nazi atrocities in 1945. Irving contends that "you can't go round beating a field marshal unconscious, stealing his property, and then putting it on sale". A spokesman for Carter-Ruck said yesterday that the firm would be applying for a court injunction to stop the sale if Phillips did not call it off. But Mills-Roberts' daughter, Mrs Annie Walsh, was adamant it would go ahead. "If the Milch family want this thing they can come to the auction just like anyone else and bid for it."

Home and away

Concerned as ever for his city's disadvantaged, Derek Hatton will propose at today's Liverpool city council meeting that a delegation meet the chairmen of Liverpool and Everton football clubs to explore ways of restoring televised football. His motion further suggests that he should lead the delegation. Not, perhaps, a good idea. The Everton chairman, Philip Carter, also chairs Liverpool Conservative Association.

Walking out

The government is not alone in being inconvenienced by the Ulster Unionist MPs' decision to resign their seats and fight by-elections. Ron Aitken, personal assistant to the Rev Martin Smyth, is telling everyone that while his boss is out of the Commons he will make ends meet by delivering Yellow Pages for the Post Office for the princely salary of £60 for an 18-hour week.

No yoke

The Police Federation's monthly magazine has surpassed itself this month in its quest for stories about coppers who end up with eggs on their faces. It relates how colleagues rushed to a police cabin on the Lancashire stretch of the M6 after hearing a mighty explosion from within. Inside was a shaken PC Kevin Doherty who had thought he had successfully boiled an egg in the micro-wave. "I was just tapping it with my spoon . . ." explained the egg-spattered constable.

In the pipeline

Anthony Mycock, freed from jail after two and a half years by the Appeal Court last week, now plans to give £500 to Manchester University's law faculty as a prize for the best student essay on miscarriages of justice. The award depends on one thing: the success of Mycock's campaign for compensation.

BARRY FANTONI



'Seems like some of the evidence has also mysteriously disappeared'

Well insured

The career of William Beckett, the senior legal adviser to Lloyd's in its wrangle with the Director of Public Prosecutions, appears to have turned full circle. As Lloyd's busily issues statements denying that it is impeding the DPP's fraud inquiries by refusing to release transcripts of its disciplinary hearings, I learn that Beckett was legal secretary to the Attorney-General from 1975 to 1980, and then legal adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry, which is responsible for monitoring City affairs. Lloyd's is now infuriating the DPP by claiming that evidence given in the transcripts was taken in confidence. But, as Beckett and his new masters so rightly point out, the DPP can subpoena these from Lloyd's only when it has begun criminal proceedings. DPP sources say, however, that it requires the evidence before it can bring charges. Catch 22.

Too militant

You would have thought the DHSS would have been grateful to civil service union leader Alistair Graham for his outspoken attack on the Militant Tendency, whose supporters are most active in the DHSS field. Instead, I learn, it is upset by his diatribe delivered at the Child Benefit Centre in Washington, County Durham. Officials, who had expected him to speak purely on pay issues, are now sending him a strongly worded letter warning him about abusing civil service platforms for political purposes.

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Trade pride for national interest

As MEPs debate the Luxembourg summit deal, Nicholas Bethell argues that Britain's future is at stake unless we become better Europeans

Germans will insure their cars and houses with British companies; British teddy bears which cannot catch fire or poison children with asbestos will be sold throughout the EEC; the British aviation industry, entirely privately owned, will expand and grow richer by offering cheap travel not only from London to Brussels but from Amsterdam to Frankfurt; the City of London's share of West European banking and finance will vastly increase.

This is the new barrier-free Europe towards which, I believe, the EEC heads of government took a step in Luxembourg last week – a small step, but one big enough to show that the target of a true common market by 1992 is more than a mirage, not some Euro-fanatical dream.

Today it is the European Parliament's turn. Most of us feel that the deal did not go far enough in giving the parliament a proper role as the EEC's only directly elected supervisor. The Italian government has said it will not approve the deal if the parliament rejects it. This means that MEPs can, though I hope we will not, throw it out before it is even submitted for national ratification.

Any such rejection would be seen, most probably, as a surly act by the young, frustrated parliament seeking for itself a clearer role. This would be less than the full truth. It would also be a sign of continental irritation with Britain and with Mrs Thatcher, a deep resentment that few in Britain seem to be aware of, let alone are keen to put right. The Luxembourg package is of special importance to us, dependent as we are on our ability to export. But this feeling, exaggerated and over-simplified though it is, could now be strong enough to threaten our national interest as a great trading nation.

However much we argue, Britain's role in modern Europe is seen by continental colleagues in stark terms. We are the country that refused to come in at the outset, preferring instead our ridiculous imperial dreams. Mrs Thatcher, respected though she is for her strength and seniority, has not yet been forgiven for demanding "my *money back*" in Dublin in 1979.

She is perceived as an aggressive negotiator who treats partners as adversaries and has no understanding of the political, social and environmental benefits of a common agricultural policy in a community consisting largely of small farms. Alternatively, if she has any such understanding, she is unwilling to inconvenience her own country in the interest of the other nine.

Was it really worth all the disruption and bitterness, they ask, for an eventual "win" at Fontainebleau of £500 million towards an annual budget of £130,000 million? It is a minuscule sum. Any small expansion in the British economy would provide the Exchequer with much more. So why does she do it? Presumably because she is hostile to the whole idea of the Community's development and it suits her to use arguments over money as a pretext for paralysing it.

When a British territory was invaded in 1982, these same *complainers say*, the EEC gave immediate support, condemning Argentina and stopping trade. A few days later continental countries needed a favour in return. Farmers were on the rampage, rioting and dumping produce in the streets. Britain was asked to agree to a price rise; we refused outright.

The problems that continental governments face with their farmers are no concern of ours, it seems. The British press hardly reported the issue. If the British people *were* aware of the problem they seemed to feel there was no reason to pay towards its solution.

The 45 Conservative MEPs have *been described by one jaundiced* Dutchman as "the wedge of English public school boys aimed at the heart of Europe". The Labour MEPs, whether it is Les Huckfield shouting abuse through a megaphone or Barbara Castle leading a walk-out during President Reagan's speech in May, are dismissed as examples of the ugly Englishman abroad.

British MEPs, other Europeans know, were elected last year by less than a third of the voters and they are the only ones not welcome in their national parliament, obliged to queue and to be searched before attending any House of Commons meeting. Labour MEPs are suspected of plotting to de-select and supplant MPs in their Euroconstituencies and we Tory MEPs are often harshly criticized by Mrs Thatcher, who makes no secret of her preference for nomination on the basis of the old European assembly. In the recent Dooge report on European union our's was the only government to enter a reserve *on the principle of greater* European Parliament powers. These attitudes devalue British MEPs in our colleagues' estimation, making it harder for us to promote British interests.

Anti-British feelings, unfair though many of them are, have created a political reality enabling a Gaullist who wants to delay a British rebate or an Irish nationalist condemning the use of plastic bullets to get a sure majority. The British government then reacts angrily and the vicious circle worsens. It has got to the point where MEPs like to stick little pins into Britain's flesh – over the miners' strike, say, or over the deportation of a Cypriot. They have passed measures that will delay liberalization of air travel and in the next few days are likely to strike out £30 million earmarked by the Commission for Britain's self-em*ployed. I predict that next* year, after Spain joins, we shall start having trouble over Gibraltar. Strasbourg may well use its new powers to hold up the legislation on the internal market that Britain badly needs.

One solution to these annoyances would be to freeze the European Union and emasculate (or even abolish) the European Parliament. However, any such plan, attractive though it might seem at first glance to many Britons, would be anathema to our partners (except perhaps Denmark) and inconsistent with our obligations. It would also mean saying farewell to the real common market that the government earnestly desires.

The other solution is to accept the Luxembourg deal, including the important new Strasbourg powers, as first step towards genuinely free trade, including tax harmonization and monetary union, closer political cooperation and joint decision making by the Council of Ministers and Strasbourg.

Strong leadership will be needed if Britain is to launch itself into such deep waters, but other European countries got used to the feel of them decades ago. Anyway it makes more sense than trying to have it both ways, to swim the river with one foot still balanced on the bank.

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Jack Straw

Tory pill no one will swallow

Two Sundays ago, a man from Crewe arrived, as arranged, at St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth, for treatment on the hospital's new lithotripter – a machine which gets rid of kidney stones without the need for surgery. The machine was available, and so were sufficient medical and nursing staff. But there was no bed, so back he went to Crewe, untreated.

Of the 11 patients booked for admission that Sunday for treatment on the lithotripter, only six made it. The unlucky five will, of course, survive. They will get another appointment sometime soon, and may be admitted the second time, although some patients awaiting surgery or treatment can be turned back four or five times.

The health authority says there isn't much it can do about this. Its bed occupancy rate is higher than the average; whether a bed is actually available for a non-urgent case depends on the number of casualties and emergencies, or even on a state visit, when parts of the hospital have to go on standby. And there is no slack in the system: for St Thomas's budget of £75 million is due to be cut by £1 million a year in real terms for each of the next 10 years. More are having to wait: 43 per cent of "non-urgent" cases are waiting more than a year, compared with 32 per cent in 1982/83.

On the same day as our man was travelling back to Crewe, with kidney stone intact, government plans for an "information campaign to head off growing public alarm about the health service" were made public. The campaign shows at least a touching faith in people's gullibility: that these days a glossy full-colour pamphlet, complete with bar charts, graphs, and picture of Norman Tebbit intoning that the "NHS is safe in our hands" might persuade the man from Crewe that he has been on the lithotripter after all, and that his wasted journey was simply a figment of his imagination. The announcement of this information campaign follows swiftly on a similar campaign – to publicize the government's actions to counter unemployment.

Both campaigns, by the by, would be illegal for a local authority to run if the Local Government Bill, presently in committee, becomes law in unamended form. Clause 2 of that bill expressly prohibits local authorities from publishing material which "can reasonably be regarded as likely to affect public support for a political party". The purpose of these two campaigns is to give support to the Tories at the taxpayers' expense, and nothing more.

But applying to itself the standards which it seeks to impose on others has never been a hallmark of this administration. "Do as I say, not as I do," is the rule.

So these Tory propaganda campaigns continue. The one on unemployment, with glossy pamphlets and honeyed words from the Employment Secretary, Lord Young, may yet succeed, because, as Nigel Lawson is apt to remind us, 87 per cent of people are in work. Especially in many affluent Conservative areas, the only perception people have of unemployment is indirect and distant, drawn from the media and maybe from the stand at the back of the parish church next to the one on aid to Ethiopia.

But the government has a real problem – or rather three – when it comes to the NHS. It is not much good lecturing the man from Crewe that the health service is better than it was (even if it were true). The issue to him is that it should be better than it is now.

Then there is the problem that whatever people can be grateful for, they may not feel it is thanks to the government. The official excuse for strangling places like St Thomas's is "RAWP" – the Resource Allocation System. This was established in 1975 by Labour to help the regions by redistributing economic growth. The Tories have seized it as a pretext for cuts. But it will take more than a glossy pamphlet to convince my constituents that St Thomas's loss has been Blackburn's gain. They recently saw the North-west Regional Health Authority remove altogether from the capital programme a long-proposed new maternity unit, despite the fact that six labour beds cope with 3,200 deliveries a year. The unit was put back into the capital programme only after a major local campaign.

The third, and overwhelming, problem for the government's NHS campaign is its ignorance of the NHS compared with that of the general public. Most of the population may be in work, and unaffected directly by the dole, but 91 per cent have no private health insurance, and rely wholly upon the NHS. Not so many members of the government and its senior supporters. In health care, as in education, the prevailing ethos of the new Conservative Party is that bought is always better; that money power may legitimately be used to avoid the inevitable pressure points of a public health service which allocates resources according to medical need, rather than patients' wealth.

The difficulty for the government is that its hectoring propaganda about the NHS collides directly with people's own experience – not even Saatchi and Saatchi have found a way around that. The public does not believe claims about vast extra real resources being devoted to the NHS because it knows they are untrue. A study for the Institute of Health Service Management and the BMA shows real growth in the NHS of just 1 per cent between 1982-84 and of –0.1 per cent in 1984-85, compared with the 3.7 per cent needed just to compensate for the increase in the numbers of elderly and changes in technology. The private health company Bupa had to pay for the lithotripter machine at St Thomas's.

The government's ignorance also makes it blind to the inefficiencies for which it is the cause. Creating conditions in which St Thomas's lithotripter can be used for only half its planned patients is a false economy. The case that those who control public services should use them is not just one of equality, but of efficiency too.

The author is Labour MP for Blackburn.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Livingstone, going for the greater evil



Some two months ago, I recounted here the details of a policy of artistic censorship adopted in July by the GLC. There have been further developments since then, and today I wish to bring the story up to date.

The South Bank concert halls were "inherited" by the GLC from the old LCC, which built them. Some time after the GLC itself was captured by what has come to be known as the "fascist left", the GLC took over the direct running of the halls. Apart from putting on various left-wing shows and performances (the most shameful of such activities being the huge propaganda exhi*bition that the Soviet Union was* invited to stage, at a peppercorn rent, in the Royal Festival Hall), the GLC seem to have left concert promoters and musicians alone; at least, I have not seen, say, any restriction on performances by those artists who have managed to escape from the Soviet Union.

Now, however, a political test *has* been imposed; the halls are barred to promoters and performers who refuse to sign a pledge (it is part of the contract) that they will not put on, or perform in, concerts in South Africa. I imagine that most musical artists, like most people in general, abhor the cruelties and oppressions of South Africa, as they do the even greater cruelties and oppressions of communist countries (though no such even-handedness is to be seen from the GLC leaders, who are firmly opposed to refusing the use of the halls to those who perform in Moscow), and many of them will not perform in South Africa.

But that is not enough for the GLC. Adopting the policies of non-artistic qualifications which totalitarian regimes impose, they demand a positive act of allegiance to the political whims of Mr Livingstone and his crew. (In a parallel instance, they tried to blackmail Miss Zola Budd into making public statements against South Africa, with the threat of refusing her the use of stadiums if she would not co-operate.)

In practice, the policy of requiring musicians and impresarios to salute Mr Livingstone's grubby flag on pain of being turned out of the halls has had little effect; most concerts are arranged so far in advance that the bookings were pretty well complete up to and beyond the last date (March 31) on which the GLC's writ will run.

One man, however, decided that this thing must be challenged. (Remember that if it is South Africa today, it will be Israel tomorrow, and if this week it is barring the platform to those who refuse to sign a pledge not to play under apartheid, next week it could well be barring the auditorium to concert-goers who *will not sign a petition for the* removal of American bases.) Jasper Parrott is one of the partners in a very enterprising firm of concert-promoters, Harrison/Parrott, and one concert they were planning, though it was to take place after the GLC disappeared, had to be contracted before that date. (By an irony which would certainly escape Mr Livingstone, both the artists concerned, Gidon Kremer and Andras Schiff, are refugees from the Soviet empire.) Mr Parrott, with the full support of his partner, decided on legal action.

Now it has been clear all along that the political test devised by Livingstone would not stand up in court. Though the GLC are the "owners" of the South Bank halls, they are not the owners in the sense of a man who owns his house, to which he may refuse entry on any ground he chooses; such a public institution must be run properly, and the courts will be quick to see that it is. And imposing political demands on musical performances (and conspicuously one-sided political demands at that) would certainly be knocked on the head by a court. Unfortunately, our law precludes a court from acting in such matters except on an application made to it. Mr Parrott therefore armed himself for the battle.

Mr Parrott armed himself not only with legal advice, but with his cheque-book, for since Livingstone would be using not his own money but that of other people (viz., the ratepayers of London), he would not need to count the cost.

In these matters, it is deemed best to first ask politely for what you want, and issue the writ only when it is refused. Mr Parrott therefore asked the GLC to allow him to put on his concert without obliging his artists to pass Livingstone's political purity test; he pointed out that they both loathed apartheid, as he did himself, and that neither intended to play in South Africa.

Mr Livingstone promptly beat a tactical retreat; using as the excuse *the artists' and promoters'* opposition to apartheid, he most graciously agreed that the concert could go ahead as planned, without a promise of ideological obedience; by this means, he has avoided a defeat in the courts, and retains the imaginary but untested right to compel musicians to agree with his politics if they wish to perform on the South Bank.

That, it will surely be agreed, is an unsatisfactory outcome. While there is no legal ruling, and in the absence of legislation, not only will Livingstone be able to pursue his policy of censorship (which, for the reason I have given, will have little practical effect), but he and others will be encouraged to deploy the same or similar techniques in the future and elsewhere. Indeed, Sheffield council have already started to do precisely that: without declaring that a pledge never to perform in South Africa is required if artists are to use the public Sheffield concert-hall, there is pressure on artists not only to give such a pledge but to make a public statement about it.

There is one further matter. After my first article on the subject, I was interviewed on the radio, and Mr Livingstone was invited to reply. In the course of his remarks, he said that certain people supported the South African regime because they made money out of it, e.g., by trading. Then he went on as follows:

> There are other people whose fear is that if you bring down South Africa there will be a communist regime takeover – and that is a risk I'm prepared to see. I would much rather see South Africa under a communist regime than under the present one if that's the choice I am faced with.

Note first that our hero is quite *cheerful about other people's future*: "... that is a risk I'm prepared to see ..." "... if that's the choice I'm faced with ..." The fact that it will not be he who runs the risk, nor he who faces the choice, is apparently of no moment. But that is not the most important aspect of his remarks.

South Africa is a vile tyranny. But resistance to that tyranny is legally possible, and is pursued. The Soviet Union is another; but no lawful resistance is possible. Even after decades of National Party rule, a substantial number of South African judges are truly independent of the state, and political cases have been decided against the rulers (Mr Donald Woods, then editor of the East London *Daily Dispatch*, actually won a libel action against J.B. Vorster). No Soviet judge, at any level, decides on any political case; he simply gives judgement, and imposes sentence, as instructed by his political masters.

The South African press is hedged about with more than a score of restrictive laws; but within those restrictions, South African journalists can and do denounce the evils of the regime. In the Soviet Union no journalist anywhere can or may criticise the regime. In South Africa lawyers like Mr Sydney Kentridge defend the oppressed and accuse the oppressors, and remain at liberty; the Soviet psychiatrist Dr Koriagin is in a concentration camp for revealing that a dissident who was certified mad by the authorities was in fact sane. In South Africa, trades *unions work under great difficulties*; in the Soviet Union there are no unions, and anybody trying to start one will be behind barbed wire within the week.

South African Nationalism is riddled with anti-semitism, but Jews are entirely free to practise their religion and study their sacred books; in the Soviet Union anti-semitism is directed and encouraged by the state, and Jews can be, and are, imprisoned for teaching Hebrew scripture.

I could extend that catalogue for a score of pages, but my point, I trust, is made. Given a choice between a vile regime that can be ameliorated, and one which cannot, Livingstone chooses the latter. Given the choice between a total tyranny and a partial one, he supports the former. Given the choice between a country in which some are free and a country in which none is free, he plumps for unfreedom. Given the choice between great wickedness and much greater wickedness, he decides that big is beautiful.

So be it. But before he and his kind manage to turn *this* country, never mind South Africa, into a political replica of Bulgaria, there is still the matter of the South Bank concert-halls to be considered. At present the GLC is imposing, unhindered, a political test on artistic performance. Is there no interested party who will, without giving Livingstone a second opportunity to slip out of the legal net, seek a declaration that such a test is contrary to the law, as it is contrary to the spirit of a free country?

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Now that the trial is over . . .

It has been a long time since we were honoured by the presence of General Galtieri, our guest problem-solving columnist, as he has been very busy with legal matters in Argentina, but we are delighted to say that he now has an hour or two to spare and can deal with some of your queries. All yours, general, and lovely to have you back!

General Galtieri writes: Thank you, *mi amigo*, and thank you to all those readers who sent me letters, flowers and legal textbooks during my trial. Thank you even to the reader who sent me a file concealed in an apple pie, thus illustrating your good old British sense of humour. I used the file to help eat our prison food! No, seriously, let us have the first question.

What do you reckon to this Terry Holmes business, General? I mean, taking thousands of pounds to join Bradford Northern and then getting clobbered in his first game? – T. H. of Oxford.

General Galtieri writes: My friend, you must realize that it is a peculiarly British thing to divide a game like rugby into two sports, one for amateur gentlemen and one for professional working-class players. Here in Argentina we have no Rugby League, only Rugby Union. If you are a worker, you play football. If you are a gentleman, you play a gentleman's sport like rugby or polo. My advice to Señor Holmes would be: Go back to the gentle aristocrats of South Wales among whom you grew up, return to the rolling lawns and quiet stately homes of Cardiff and Swansea!

Were you much of a sportsman when you were younger, General? – G. D. of Croydon.

General Galtieri writes: Indeed. I was a practitioner of that toughest yet most elegant of pursuits, the tango, and for several years in my youth I was the Army Free-Style Tango Champion. The competition was terrific – one false step and you can find yourself facing the wrong way for life – but I put my success down to the fact that I did arduous cross-country tangoing for three hours a day. I sustained the normal injuries of the tango world – strangulation by bow-tie, laceration by partner's rose, severe thrust by patent leather shoes – but my downfall came in a most unusual way. In the last finals in which I appeared, I set fire inadvertently to my moustache with my cigar and was heavily marked down on presentation! I have never tangoed in anger since. My family motto, incidentally, is "Noli me tangere" or, Don't you tango with me.

Have you had a chance to sample the new Beaujolais Nouveau? – D.B. of SE18.

General Galtieri comments: Nice to see a bilingual tautology! But I am afraid this is a question which could come only from a non-wine producing nation, one which depends on imports. Do you see wine races across the Pyrenees? Do you see the Italians clamouring for the new Beaujolais? How much less would you expect a demand from Argentina, which already produces the best wine in the world! At least, the most! At least, the cheapest! The Beaujolais Nuevo de Argentina was very good this year, by the way.

Congratulations on your acquittal, General, but you are still up on charges of losing the war. How will you get on? Do you need a good lawyer? – A.M. of Ealing.

General Galtieri writes: My defence on this one is watertight. Technically, Argentina has never agreed that hostilities are over; technically, therefore, the war has not yet been lost. By the way, although the losers in a war are sometimes put on trial, I believe this is the first time the losing leaders have been put on trial *by their own side!* I would much prefer to be tried in an English court of law, where I am told the jury can be juggled till you get 12 good men and sympathetic.

What do you think of this new link planned for the Channel joining England and France? Incidentally, have you ever thought of a link between Argentina and the Falklands? – S.K. of Aberystwyth.

General Galtieri writes: A tunnel between England and France sounds an excellent idea to me. One word of warning: I would advise putting a bend in the middle somewhere, just in case the Frogs should ever get the idea of sending a few Exocets through it. As to your other question, would it surprise you to learn that we are already engaged on digging a top secret tunnel from Argentina to Port Stanley? I am afraid your wonderful new airport is going to look very silly on the day our armies come out of a hole in the ground!

(General Galtieri is always glad to answer your questions on anything, so keep those letters, postcards and blank cheques rolling in!).

America's down-to-earth astronauts

New York

Dan Dare doesn't have much of a home life. The astronaut's job can be very tough on his family. In the past 16 months eight men have quit the space elite to put in more time at home. One who resigned recently for *this reason is Colonel John Fabian*, a veteran of two space-shuttle missions.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is concerned about losing expensively-trained men in the prime of their careers. "But we recognize that being an astronaut calls for a large commitment of time", said a spokesman at the Johnson space centre in Houston. "These men and women are constantly on the go. The training and the job are demanding. It is a career that extends into a life-style and some people do not react well to that."

Jack Lousma, a former Marine Corps colonel, aged 49, left the astronaut service after 17 years and is now an aerospace consultant in Michigan. He had two space missions – 59 days in Skylab in 1973 and eight days as a space-shuttle commander in 1982.

"I left because I felt I had done everything I wanted at Nasa," he said. "I had done a long flight and a short one, a space walk and a space rendezvous. In my case family pressures were not the reason for quitting, but there is no doubt that there are strains on an astronaut's family life because of the time spent away from home. There is a lot to do and a great deal of emotional stress. It is not as glamorous as it looks. It is plain hard work."

His wife, Gratia, said: "We were on the fast track down in Houston. Jack felt that there was more to Jack Lousma than flying in space." After all, the distinction is not so rare as it was: since 1961 more than 100 American men and women have been space travellers.

Part of the astronaut's life that is not often talked about publicly is the office politics on the ground. Nasa attracts many talented, ambitious and competitive people. Astronauts talk of the politicking and lobbying that goes on when crew lists are being drawn up for missions, and when other key jobs are being considered. For a number of people this sort of stress is as serious as the strain on their home lives.

A Nasa official said: "In the two months before a space flight there is not much time for a crew member to get home. It is a 14-to-16-hour day, seven days a week. In the six months before this high-pressure period the programme is already intensive, with little time for relaxation. The hard training is vital to make space flight safe. You cannot cut corners on this. Even when they are not in a crew, astronauts are busy doing *support work for* crews, making public appearances and undertaking all sorts of special assignments."

Men and women in the 100-strong astronaut corp do not get special pay – only what goes with their military rank or an equivalent civil service rank. They did not get extra holidays.

The spaceman's life still looks very attractive, however, from the outside. In 1984, when Nasa last advertised for astronauts, it had 5,000 replies. Thirty-two have been selected for training.

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HIS AND HER INCOME

The treatment of the family is an issue that goes to the heart of any system of income taxation. The Government has promised to tackle it in a green paper, due out by the end of this year but now probably postponed until next Budget Day. Mr Nigel Lawson will there detail his plans for replacing the present variety of tax-free income allowances available to married couples. In his proposed system, husband and wife each receive the same allowance as a single person; if he or she has no income, this allowance can be transferred to the other. In advance of the green paper, the Lords Committee on the European Communities has roundly rejected Mr Lawson's "transferable allowances". It has produced a report that is comprehensive, illuminating – and in conclusion, wrong.

Baroness Serota and fellow peers were drawn into the debate by a series of European pronouncements that read like a parody of common market doublespeak. The most revealing is the Resolution of the European Parliament that: " . . . the tax system should be neutral as between the married couple where only one partner is in paid employment and the married couple where both partners are in paid employment, with a mandatory system of independent taxation for husband and wife as the long-term objective of fiscal reform".

As the Lords committee rightly points out, these two objectives flatly contradict each other. The tax system must treat married couples either as one flesh, or two. If husband and wife are to be taxed *quite* independently, as if the other did not exist, then the system cannot be "neutral" between one-income and two-income couples.

Joint taxation too often means that the second earner (usually the wife) becomes a second-class earner, faced with high marginal tax rates on a modest wage. In Britain, and in many other countries, the system is still encrusted with the historical residue of discrimination against women, through which their incomes were assumed to belong to their husbands. Most countries have therefore introduced adjustments to the tax system, such as the married woman's earned income allowance and separate taxation for high-earners in Britain, or income splitting in Germany, to mitigate its effects.

In Britain, these changes have shifted our income tax system half-way towards independent taxation, but left it in a horrible mess of illogical distinctions. For example, a man whose wife is not earning now receives one-and-a-half single allowances; but if she is working and he is not, the couple receives two-and-a-half basic single allowances. This confusion has helped build support for the beguilingly simple solution of complete independence – a tax system quite uninterested in the marital status of the taxpayer. This finds favour with the Lords Committee. Independent taxation, however, would have new victims.

In particular, it would impose a disproportionate tax burden on couples with only one earner, a group increasingly concentrated among young, low-income families where the wife cannot command a wage that covers the cost of child care. The fathers of such families, deprived of all but a single allowance, would face very low "tax thresholds" – thus deepening the poverty trap and making it harder to command an after-tax income much higher than the dole.

The supporters of independent taxation argue that the problems of such families should be dealt with through social security, supplying extra child benefits to those who do not work. This would require an increase in spending to make up for an increase in taxation, perpetuating a trend towards the ever greater state dominance in the economy that this Government is rightly trying to arrest. Secondly, it ignores a fundamental difficulty. If the social security system continues – as it must – to treat the family as a unit rather than a collection of individuals, it will fit badly with a tax system that makes no concessions to the notion of family.

To this dilemma, the Chancellor has proposed a compromise that deserves more sympathetic attention. A system of transferable allowances would not discriminate between men and women, as the present system does. Nor, combined with the present option of separate taxation, would it treat the income of any married person more harshly than it would if he or she were single. It thus offers two important strands of tax "neutrality". But it would also, for all families within the wide basic tax-rate band, be completely neutral as to whether husband, wife, or both, were earning the family income.

The effect of transferable allowances would be to smooth out the fall and rise in family income that follows the normal pattern in which the wife stops work to start a family and rejoins the labour force as the children reach school age. Mr Lawson's critics object that husbands would resist the desire of their wives to restart work, resenting the loss of their transferred allowances. This may well be true. But they go on to argue that only complete separation of married people's tax affairs, only complete secrecy about their individual incomes, will protect women; an argument that comes perilously close to denying the existence of any co-operative intent in marriage.

The committee's fruitful survey of European experience demonstrates that most other countries have sought to reduce the disadvantages of joint taxation, rather than treat all families as if they were single people who happen to live at the same address. The committee's own conclusions, revealingly, shy away from the pure principle of independent taxation. They stop short of endorsing independent taxation of married people's investment income. As the number of women with small shareholdings or occupational pensions increases rapidly, this is no longer a trivial caveat.

PIPED INFORMATION

The Government has accomplished an unusual feat. It has made the business of water interesting. Water is on the television news; MPs will today throng to hear a ministerial statement about metering. Some of the interest has been generated inadvertently, by the Government's use of this utility to help the Treasury out with funds. Some results from the efforts of an energetic and able self-publicist, Mr Watts of Thames Water Authority. Some comes from the dubious promise that in the event of privatization there is gold in those faucets.

Yet such new-found interest in an old subject is misplaced if it exaggerates the financial importance of water supply. (It cost the average household just over £36 in 1984-85; industry's demand for water is declining.) Here is a subject swimming in confusions. One arm of government, the Treasury, estimates the assets of a water authority at £4.4 billion and dictates a rate of return accordingly; the same officials apparently accept a merchant bank's estimate of assets at £1 billion and a completely different estimate of profitability for the sake of privatization calculations. And consumers, motivated by no love for water authorities which since 1983 have not even had a vestige of local electoral accountability, are led to believe the way to get the water bureaucrats off their backs is to install a meter.

The report made public today from the Department of the Environment's study group is immediately welcome because it offers a means of bringing hard evidence to bear on the rhetoric. Mr Watts, the group's chairman, proposes a useful experiment in which households in a representative community (such as Reading, Thames Water's headquarters town) are put on a water meter and consumption effects monitored. Provided the meters are universally installed – which means installed at public expense – the basis could be laid for cross-country estimates of relative use per household and hence of the redistribution of cost that would accompany universal metering of household water supply. Important technical and installation data might also be garnered.

Such an experiment might, conceivably, dampen the advocates of metering. As a matter of principle, water use should be paid for exactly like any other service. Rateable value is a very poor proxy, not least because the Government is highly ambiguous about rates. Meters offer a means of distributing more fairly the cost of water supply and sewerage (meaning among other things that the politics of water will be fraught as the losers in this redistribution find out who they are). But meters will have no short-run impact on the total cost of water supply and their longer-run effect will depend heavily on whether water consumers care sufficiently to read their meters, take a lesson and cut consumption. (Demand for water by households in countries with metered supply continues to rise at the same rate as in Britain.) Meters do not obviate the need for standing charges to pay for water authorities' overheads and the variety of important functions they fulfil in recreation, river management and pollution control.

Metering is of course currently available as a household option; minimal numbers of consumers choose it. But metering is imperative if the Government is serious about privatizing water. No private company should be allowed to use the tax system to produce its revenues. The question then becomes one of how quickly can meters be installed and, even more important, who pays. With the Government's connivance, Mr Watts has made that a public question which ministers are sooner or later expected to answer. It would be useful to have some local facts and figures from the Reading experiment before they do.

VERDICTS ON THE JUNTA

The victims of the Argentine armed forces in the "dirty war" numbered some 9,000. In the past eight months the country has had a full rehearsal of the barbarism and caprice by which that total was achieved. The sentences on the three Juntas that governed Argentina from 1976 until 1982 include two of life imprisonment. But human justice once again appears tardy and inadequate. Small wonder that the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, who virtually alone demanded the truth in years when few thought it would ever be allowed to emerge, cannot accept the finality of this trial.

The repression after 1976 was conducted in such a way that large numbers of the armed forces and the police were involved. President Alfonsin's decision to prosecute only the Junta members was surgical and symbolic, and had the obvious defect of leaving out of the account many notorious figures – Captain Astiz is just one who comes to mind – who had not reached the titular eminence of Junta membership. It also included officers who were less involved, and have consequently received lighter sentences.

Nevertheless, some justice has been done. The alternative to government prosecutions of officers was a trial of those ultimately responsible by chain of command. The nature of the repression and the passage of time would have made convictions unlikely in many cases. The evidence that has been given by nearly a thousand witnesses, goes towards establishing and clarifying the record of what occurred. That in itself is a part of the task of ensuring that nothing like it should occur again.

The history of military government in Argentina has been one of contamination and illusion. Argentine officers can point to the corruption and opportunism of Peronism but not in their own defence. It is true that civilian political failures made a resumption of military rule inevitable in 1976 and that most Argentines had small desire to question military methods after 1976. But the armed forces had not mastered the situation; they had succumbed to it, and they perpetrated the worst excesses of all concerned. Seeking an escape from political dilemmas in the Falklands adventure, General Galtieri had no proper instrument to hand, and defeat brought with it the fullest revelation of what the armed forces had done plus a court martial that is still to come.

Monday's sentences are only the beginning of the end in the resolution of the problems left by the "dirty war". President Alfonsin's Government may itself bring no further prosecutions, but some fifteen hundred cases are pending and what happens to them does not depend on the fiat of the executive. The evidence in the trials just ended can be used in these cases. It is part of the restoration of democratic rule that verdicts are not a foregone conclusion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How Labour went for Militant

From Mr Michael Foot, MP for Blaenau Gwent (Labour)

Sir, I am naturally interested to read in one of your authoritative editorials (December 10) that it is all my fault. You write, with just that ineffable combination of assurance and absurdity which would be better reserved for your apologias for the Star Wars fantasy or mass unemployment, that

in the early 1970s Mr Michael Foot swept away the vestiges of Labour's machinery for defending the party against hard-left incursions . . .

But neither in the early 1970s nor at any other time did I have any power to do any such thing. So I didn't.

If, in your usual slipshod way, you are striving to refer to the abolition of the so-called proscribed list of bodies within the Labour Party, this was not something done by me (although I favoured it, since it frequently involved palpable injustices to individuals and other objectionable features). But this had nothing to do with the incursion of Militant into the party.

One of the worst aspects of this incursion is the conspiratorial way in which the leaders of the Militant Tendency have sought to operate without a membership and thereby to circumvent the rules of the party, with or without any proscribed list. It was for this reason that, on my initiative, we took the steps, with the later full backing of the party conference, to exclude the Militant leadership from our ranks.

We had to act strictly within the requirements of "natural justice", partly because this is the proper way for democrats to proceed and partly because the Militant leaders and operators made it clear that, if we did not, they would be quite ready to disrupt the affairs of the Labour Party by appeals to the capitalist courts.

The task of freeing the party from Militant and kindred pestilences is not an easy one. But it has to be done, and it has to be done by methods which are fair.

I strongly support all the steps which Neil Kinnock has taken to this end, and when he leads the Labour Party to success at the next election I suspect that the historians (even the ill-informed *Times* editorial writers) may look back on these events as among the decisive ones which made Labour victory possible.

Yours fraternally,
MICHAEL FOOT,
House of Commons.
December 10.

Nobel Peace Prize

From the President of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the USSR

Sir, The unseemly mass media campaign against the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War ignores the fact that the prize has not been awarded to somebody personally but to a whole movement.

The article in *The Times* by Allan Wynn and Peter Reddaway (December 3) fails to recognise that 145,000 physicians, including many from the West, take part in this movement, which is aimed at the preservation of life on earth by the prevention of nuclear war.

The physicians' movement has organised national conferences and international meetings which have had participants from more than 40 countries. By spreading among world public opinion their scientific conclusions about the inadmissibility of using nuclear weapons and by advocating their abolition, medical scientists are fulfilling their duty to preserve not only people's health, but life itself.

As regards Academician Evgeny Chazov, he was elected as co-chairman of this movement at an international meeting as a world-famous cardiologist.

To oppose the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to those who do everything to save our civilisation from destruction contradicts the most humane feelings of the heart and mind.

Yours faithfully,
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December 9.

From Professor Emeritus Otto Neurath

Sir, Allan Wynn and Peter Reddaway's article (December 3) on the recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize is full of innuendos, but they fail to understand that the prize is being given for what the recipients have done, not for what they have not done.

IPPNW (International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War) has through the years tried to convince the public that there is an alternative to MAD (mutual assured destruction), and 145,000 physicians cannot be that wrong.

The authors also engage in mudslinging, encouraged by the simple and destructive polarization of dividing mankind into "us, the good guys" and "they, the bad guys".

According to the authors, Dr Lown has, for 30 years, "adopted a pro-Soviet, anti-US. stance". What does such a nonsensical characterization mean? It is deplorable that non-factual innuendos can be disseminated.

The fact that Dr Lown could appear on Soviet television should be a credit to him, not used to slander his motives. Fortunately the Nobel commission knew very well what it means to actively contribute to peace movements in countries, regardless of their political structure.

Yours faithfully,
OTTO NEURATH,
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Casting doubt on atomic bomb finding

From Professor C. H. Wilson, FBA

Sir, No one can dissent from the plea you put forward in today's leading article (December 6) that the prime object of all discussions between Australia and Britain over the Maralinga bomb should be the best possible long-term relationship between the two countries.

We should not, however, rush into action before giving our Australian friends a fair opportunity to express their own opinions. They do not necessarily correspond with those of Mr Justice McClelland.

It is not sufficiently recognised in this country that the nature of the "royal commission" has undergone considerable change in the course of its translation to Australia. It is, for one thing, apt to be a much smaller body than its British original. Nor does it always meet what used to be the standard requirement that a royal commission "should comprise the fairest and fullest representation of all opinions".

The McClelland enquiry consisted of three persons. They did not include anyone expert in nuclear explosions or the fundamental medical effects of such explosions. Are we to have, therefore, a repetition of the outcry which followed the recent royal commission presided over by Mr Justice Costigan?

This began as an enquiry into specific corrupt practices in a trade union. It ended as a monumental survey of crime of all descriptions throughout Australian society, with an outcry so embarrassing to the government that it has been virtually disowned, as well as discredited in its particular allegations.

The Costigan commission was virtually a solo performance. McClelland is a trio. Let us take a random sample of the British type. The royal commission into English universities (Oxford and Cambridge especially) consisted of 23 members, all known and respected nationwide. The royal commission on environmental pollution (1970-71) had nine members – four scientists of world reputation, an experienced industrial chemist, a topmost economist. With such numbers, minority opinions are possible. With three (or less) they are not. The two systems cannot, and should not, be treated as comparable.

The Australians are straightforward people. They know perfectly well what needs to be done. It was an Australian friend who drew my attention earlier this year to the words of Malcolm Muggeridge:

It is one of the intimations of an endearing tendency among Australians to hold law and order in derision that, in Australia, dementia in politicians is often rewarded with a seat on the Bench.

Yours etc,
CHARLES WILSON,
Jesus College,
Cambridge.
December 6.

Princess Michael

From the Chief Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain

Sir, I am extremely distressed at the incorrect comments made in your diary column (December 5) regarding the visit by HRH Princess Michael of Kent to our charity luncheon in Leeds on November 7. I might point out that when members of the Press challenged her Royal Highness's early departure at the time I gave them the same full explanation which is now the content of this letter.

Her Royal Highness's visit was most carefully planned and I, as Chief Barker, and all members of the organizing committee knew she had to catch the 2.45pm train from Leeds for London, even if it meant her Royal Highness had to leave before the end of the luncheon. Princess Michael's acceptance of our invitation was agreed on that basis.

The chairman of the Leeds Regional Committee of the Variety Club of Great Britain, in his welcome, did stress the fact that her Royal Highness had a very tight schedule; furthermore the Princess's remarks with regard to her viewing of *Emmerdale Farm* were made in a very light-hearted fashion and in no way did they cause any offence.

Prior to the start of the event Princess Michael attended a Variety Club children's party in the same hotel and spoke to practically every one of the 50 children in her typically loving and caring way. At the reception following her Royal Highness insisted on meeting and speaking to every member of the committee and leading guests, many of whom were fund-raising sponsors of great importance to our organization.

The success of the luncheon was largely attributed to Princess Michael of Kent's charm. I must emphasize that we, the members of the Variety Club of Great Britain, are bewildered by these further derogatory comments. Her Royal Highness has shown us nothing but kindness many times over the past years and has helped us greatly in pursuing our work for sick and deprived children.

Yours etc,
JOHN RATCLIFF, Chief Barker,
Variety Club of Great Britain.
32 Welbeck Street, W1.
December 9.

Stopping car thefts

From Mr Richard Turner

Sir, With reference to Jean-Jacques Dunn's letter (November 27), most European countries, and the United States, register vehicle number plates to the person or company, not the vehicle.

However, when one does this, a whole new ball game can begin, because instead of just stealing cars, the thieves start stealing number plates, too.

Also, the employees of the motor vehicle departments, who supposedly scrap surrendered number plates, soon realize that a very profitable black market can exist for untraceable number plates.

It can be very challenging, if your number plates are stolen off your Belgian vehicle whilst in Italy, to drive home through several borders number plateless. Or one may receive umpteen parking tickets on a set of number plates one surrendered to the licensing department months previously.

But I am pro the idea of the owner registered number plates for one main reason – insurance. Usually one cannot obtain the number plates before one has insurance cover. Also one cannot cancel the insurance without surrendering the number plate. This system goes a long way to prevent vehicles being driven untaxed and uninsured.

I remain, yours faithfully,
RICHARD TURNER,
Berenheemstraat 12,
8030 Beernem,
Belgium.
November 28.

Delay in fraud cases

From Mr Leonard Cox

Sir, Since the Principal Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Controller Fraud Investigation Group, Mr Doiran Williams, has seen fit to set aside convention by replying publicly to criticism of delay in prosecuting fraud, it seems fair to take him up on some of the points he makes in his letter (November 30).

He says that members of the fraud divisions under the DPP have "a quite monstrous case load". Presumably this handicap has been considered by higher authority. One would like to know why nothing has been done by way of relief and consequent expedition of the investigative process. Are there not suitable candidates for work in these divisions among over three million unemployed?

Singling out Mr Brian Sedgemore, MP, for particular attention, Mr Williams wishes to reassure him that his department recognises fraud as "a significant destructive factor in our national life". I should jolly well think so, and all the more reason for something to be done about those monstrous case loads.

All the more reason, too, for Mr Sedgemore and other MPs, including ministers, to express "frustration and anger" (your Political Correspondent's words) at the appearance, anyway, of delay in investigating the affairs of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD COX,
7 Needwood Drive,
Bebington,
Wirral,
Merseyside.
November 30.

Second best

From Mr Robert M. Kerry

Sir, I can report another rôle for our flexible friend. Not having access to a knife during a recent impromptu picnic, I found him most useful vis-à-vis spreading the pâté.

But, Sir, surely the perfect diner's card would have a serrated edge.

Yours,
R. M. KERRY,
21 Whitworth Road,
Sheffield,
South Yorkshire.
December 4.

Memorable past

From Mr Jonathan Coad

Sir, Sir James Richards (November 30) writes that major railway stations such as Newcastle or York pioneered the arched iron roof. The early railway companies certainly realised the potential or iron for this form of construction, but the true pioneers to use it for spanning very large spaces were the royal dockyards.

In 1844 shipbuilding slips at Portsmouth were first provided with large cast and wrought-iron roofs and Chatham Dockyard followed a year or so later. The Chatham covered slips still stand and can be visited in Chatham Historic Dockyard. They antedate any of the great iron train sheds.

Yours sincerely,
JONATHAN COAD,
Baileys Reed,
Salehurst,
Robertsbridge,
Sussex.
December 1.

Inner-city priorities

From Lord Beaumont of Whitley

Sir, Archdeacon Hayward, no doubt inadvertently, deploys in his letter to you (December 5) a transparently polemical device in his attack on the thinking behind the report *Faith in the City*. This device consists in attributing to those from whom you differ premisses which are untenable and then proving (surprise, surprise!) that their conclusions do not follow.

I know of none of my colleagues, for instance, in Church Action on Poverty who would base their call for a "collective" solution on the experiment in communal sharing of the early Church. At the most we would adduce this as interesting corroborative evidence.

One argument on which many of us would rely, however, is the basic Judaeo-Christian belief in communities which try to obey God's will, the unbroken tradition from Moses through the prophets and Christendom to at least the beginning of capitalism that nations ought to be coterminous with such communities and the development since then (? under the guidance of the Holy Spirit) of democratic processes whereby we can achieve this by consent.

As for the statement that "compassion must be costly and freely given," the report is concerned with the welfare of the poor rather than the souls of the rich. And the unworthy suggestion that many of those who advocate collective action are not those who are going to feel the cost of it" ignores the fact that many of them, including the archdeacon's fellow-clergymen, are those who have (as I know in his career he, too, has done) renounced the opportunities of riches for those of service.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BEAUMONT,
142 Cavendish Road, SW12.

Never Never Land

From Mr H. R. F. Keating

Sir, Those of us whose lot it is occasionally to write tales of derring-do set in the murkier parts of Europe will owe a great debt to your unproof-readers. Too much has taken place in Ruritania, but now in your obituary of Josef Josten (December 3) we learn of that enticing country Yuroglavia. Sir, much is going to happen there.

Yours,
H. R. F. KEATING,
35 Northumberland Place, W2.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 11 1936

Edward VIII succeeded his father George V on January 20, 1936. He abdicated on December 10 in order to be free to marry Mrs Wallis Warfield an American who had divorced her husband Mr Ernest Simpson in October of that year. The part The Times played in the business has been exaggerated, albeit the Editor, Geoffrey Dawson and the Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, were in frequent touch with each other. The leading article below by Dawson evoked much criticism, to many readers it savoured of kicking a man when he was down. The former king took the title of Duke of Windsor; he died in Paris on May 28, 1972, age 77.

KING EDWARD'S CHOICE

The momentous message which the PRIME MINISTER conveyed to the House of Commons yesterday will bring a shock of distress to every household in the British Empire. It is not too much to say that far even beyond the Empire the whole world has been awaiting the news of the KING'S decision, for the most part with anxious good will and everywhere with a sense of the tremendous issues involved. . . . The KING has made his own deliberate choice, and has pronounced it "final "and irrevocable."

The account which MR. BALDWIN gave of the events leading up to it was characteristic both of himself and of the KING. . . .

MR. BALDWIN failed in his purpose, but he was absolutely justified in claiming yesterday that, where he failed, no other man could have succeeded. There was no real hope in the final appeal with which the whole Cabinet responded to the note of decision from Fort Belvedere. But the very fact that it came from Fort Belvedere is no less creditable to the KING, who has scrupulously refrained from any public appearance which might encourage demonstrations. Clearly the last thing that he desires is to place any handicap on his successor. He pencilled a note only yesterday morning to commend the DUKE of YORK to the support of the whole Empire. The very notion of a "King's "Party," said MR. BALDWIN, is abhorrent to him - a warning which may be laid to heart by those, if there are any left, who need it.

It is well to remember these things, for they complete the picture of dignity with which the KING, no less than Parliament and people, has comported himself throughout this sorry business. But let them be remembered in their true perspective against a background which can be nothing but dark. Above all let us have no talk of "romance" about what is indeed a drama, but a drama of the deepest tragedy. KING EDWARD had most of the qualities that would have made a great constitutional Monarch. He had shown himself brave, completely free from pomposusness, chivalrous where his affections were engaged, conscientious in his everyday public duties, attractive to a crowd, genuinely interested in the condition of the poor as he went about among them. He was unfortunate, no doubt, in some of his intimates; but he also had advisers who served him with courage and prudence, and it would have been well if he could have brought himself to prefer them to the others. . . . They profoundly misunderstood the earlier signs of division of this country who represented it as an issue between "the "people's King" and a hide-bound set of aristocrats and ecclesiastics. It would be far more accurate to say that HIS MAJESTY'S circle was too largely composed of men and women, some of them of high birth and all of them remote from "the people," who cared far less for his welfare than for their own amusement. The real clash was between the thoughtlessness of an exotic society and the hard core of a British tradition of conduct which is common to all classes in this country; but it must also be said in fairness that none of us can realize how hard is the path of a King in choosing good friends.

That, amid all his great qualities, there was also something lacking in himself is sufficiently shown by the unprecedented decision recorded this morning; for it is proof of obstinacy rather than of strength that it must have been reached in the face of a very human reluctance to abandon a position which afforded him so many proofs of success. For those of us who are more humbly and happily placed there is assuredly nothing but relief in being able to avoid the burdens of a Crown. What seems almost incredible is that any man who was born and trained to such high responsibilities, who had clearly the capacity to undertake them, and who had in fact begun to exercise them with the complete good will of the nation, should sacrifice it all to a personal preference for another way of life. *Omnium consensu capax Imperii nisi imperasset* - the well-worn quotation from TACITUS is irresistible. It can hardly have been a better verdict upon the EMPEROR GALBA than it is upon KING EDWARD that all men would have judged him worthy of the Throne if he had never ascended it. . . .

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 10: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Lord Rhodes had an audience of Her Majesty.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Queen was represented by the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Roxburgh, Ettrick and *Lauderdale*) at the funeral of Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel Smith (Extra Equerry to The Queen and formerly Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Selkirk) which was held in Melrose Parish Church this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Rear-Admiral John Garnier (Flag Officer Royal Yachts).

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

December 10: Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Woodhouse today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion.

Lieutenant-Colonel Derek Lawrence-Brown also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 5th/8th Battalion, The King's Regiment.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, a Master of the Middle Temple, was pleased to dine with her fellow Benchers at the Middle Temple this evening.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 10: The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, this evening attended a Reception for Commonwealth Trust Scholars at the Master's Lodge, Trinity College, Cambridge.

Mr David Roycroft was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the Bentham Estate Tenants Association Pre-School Playgroup and Bean Club for Youth, Bentham Estate, Islington, N1.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, this evening attended a Birmingham Hospitals' Christmas Carol Concert at Lichfield Cathedral, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

December 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited the Park Lane Fair in aid of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at the Park Lane Hotel.

Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

December 10: The Duke of Gloucester this evening presented the Shopping Centre of the Year Award at the Annual Dinner of the British Council of Shopping Centres at the Savoy Hotel, London.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a performance of Verdi's Requiem given by St Bartholomew's Hospital Choral Society in conjunction with The City University in aid of The Music Therapy Charity at the Royal Albert *Hall*, London.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

December 10: The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel Clendon Daukes on his assuming command of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gilruth on his relinquishing the appointment.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon attended the Annual Christmas Party of The "Not Forgotten" Association at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Princess Anne will attend a luncheon for children who took part in a walk to raise money for *The London Standard*/King's College Hospital appeal for a body scanner at the Hilton hotel on December 17. Later she will attend a children's matinee performance of *Cinderella* at the Palladium theatre, in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain, the Army Benevolent Fund (children's section) and the Save the Children Fund. In the evening, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a seminar on "Prospects for Africa" at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Great George Street.

A memorial service for Lord Lloyd will be held in Grosvenor Chapel at *5.30pm today*.

A memorial service for Sir Neville Faulks will be held at the Temple Church at 4.45pm today.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Abell, 79, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward Ashmore, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alfred Earle, 78; Lord Elliott of Morpeth, 65; Professor Sir Robert Grieve, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir Kenneth McLean, 89; Sir Kenneth MacMillan, 56; Mr Clifford Michelmore, 66; Miss Christina Onassis, 35; Mr Carlo Ponti, 72; Mr Patrick Reyntiens, 60; Sir Francis Sandilands, 72; Sir Eric Scott, 94; Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 67; Mr C. F. J. Younger, 77.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. D. Gavins and Miss P. A. Freeman

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. N. Gavins, School House, Uppingham, Rutland, and Polly, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. H. Freeman, of Ivy House, North Kilworth, Leicestershire.

Dr T. T. Hansel and Miss G. B. Martin

The engagement is announced between Trevor Thomas, eldest son of Professor and Mrs C. E. M. Hansel, of Swansea, West Glamorgan, and Gillian Barbara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Martin, of *Llantrisant, Gwent*.

Mr R. E. Osborne and Miss H-E. Wrigley

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of the late Mr W. H. Osborne and Mrs G. M. Osborne, of Tilehurst, Berkshire, and Hailz-Emily, second daughter of Mr and Mrs M. E. Wrigley, of Streetley Village, West Midlands.

Mr C. T. B. Purvis and Miss P. A. Seaward

The engagement is announced between *Christopher*, son of Dr and Mrs V. B. Purvis, of Clifton Hampden, Oxfordshire, and Phillida, daughter of the late Major B. A. Seaward and of Mrs Seaward of Rusper, Sussex.

Mr L. J. Howard Miss P. J. Mathias

The engagement is announced between Lyall James, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. L. Howard, of Syney, Australia, and Phippa Jane, *eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R.* Ravenscroft, of Hodnet, Shropshire.

Mr H. C. Palmer and Ms H. R. A. Feltham

The engagement os announced between Hugh, son of Mrs S. F. Palmer and the late Mr J. C. Palmer, of Chichester, Sussex, and Hoonie, daughter of Dr and Mrs *D. V. G.* Feltham, of Hampton Wick, Kingston, Surrey.

Mr D. M. Wallis and Miss J. S. Piper

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, younger son of Mr and Mrs K. E. Wallis, of Rochester, Kent, *and Jane Susan*, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. C. Piper, of Ham Street, Kent.

Marriages

Mr W. G. B. Bevan and Miss A. J. Weatherall

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 7, at St Swithun's Church, Swanbourne, between Mr William Bevan and Miss Annabel Weatherall. Mr James Bevan was best man.

Mr H. H. Mackinnon and Miss S. J. Whitworth

A service of blessing took place at St Collen's, Llangollen, on Saturday, November 30, after the marriage of Mr Hamish Mackinnon to Miss Susan Whitworth. The Rev Michael Walker officiated.



A Norwegian spruce being carried away yesterday from the Forestry Commission's Alice Holt Forest, near Farnham, Surrey, as Christmas tree buying gets under way (Photograph: John Voos).

Comeback for home-grown trees

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Most of the four million or so young spruces and pines that *will brighten Christmas* will be bought in the next 10 days.

Prices are about £1.50 a foot in shops, supermarkets and garden centres, and between £1 and £1.20 a foot direct from plantations. The most popular height is between four and five feet.

For those buying Christmas trees this weekend, there *should be a wide choice*. Those who leave it till the last minute may find sharp reductions in prices, but the quality may not be so good.

Trees should be left outside for as long as possible. In dry, centrally heated atmospheres they will shed their needles fairly quickly; even without *roots they will last better if* kept in a regularly watered pot of earth.

From a low point in the mid-1970s, when the plastic tree seemed to be taking over, the industry has made a remarkable comeback. About three quarters of all the trees sold now come from British plantations and are generally *considered to be of better* quality than imports, mostly from Germany and Belgium, which have to be cut earlier and *spend several days in transit*.

Some 500,000 people will this year pick their own trees from forest plantations, about half of them owned privately and the rest by the Forestry *Commission*.

Those who want a tree that will survive from year to year should not necessarily assume that a root is a guarantee of survival. A tree uprooted from a forest may not take kindly to an alien soil and climate.

The traditional Norwegian spruce, which still dominates the market, may not be the loveliest of trees, but its upward-slanting branches make it particularly suitable

***Other species, such as the* Noble fir, Caucasian fir and Scots pine are, however, gaining new admirers.**

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Richard P. Illingworth, aged 52, conservator (estates) of the Forestry Commission's sales programme, to be chief land agent of the commission in succession to Mr John M. Gwynn, who is to retire later this month.

Mr Frank Hill, bursar of St Christopher's Hospice, Lewisham, London, to be finance officer of King Edward's Hospital Fund from February 1 in succession to Mr Allan Chappell, who retires later that month.

Memorial service

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Harold Sanders was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. *Canon John Oates officiated*, assisted by Canon Peter Buckler, Chaplain of the Farmers' Club. Sir Richards Trehane read the lesson and Mr John Green gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs P Sanders-Rose (son and daughter-in-law), Brigadier and Mrs S T Beazley (son-in-law and daughter), Mr and Mrs A Greenstreet, Mr and Mrs Stanley Woodrow, Colonsay and Mrs H C Sallis.

Lord John-Mackie, Sir Michael Franklin (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Sir Basil Engholm, Sir Emrys Jones, Sir John Wimaltrith, Professor T Morris (Reading University) and other members of staff; Mr D Morgan (St John's College, Cambridge), Dr Graham Milbourn (National Institute of Agricultural Botany, Cambridge), Mr Roger Pierce (Shell Chemicals UK), Mr N T Hardyman (University Grants Committee), Mr John Cherrington (Grasshoppers Club), Major-General E G D Pounds (National Cattle Breeders' Association), Mr P Shakerley (Vice-chairman, Newmarket District Council) with Mr Brian Thetford (chief executive); Mr E G Griffiths (Royal Welsh Agricultural Society), Mr Albert Davies (also representing UKF Fertilizers), Mr Graham Garrett (headmaster, Wellingborough School), Mr Frank H Garner, Mr and Mrs I G Reid, Mr John North, and Professor J S Hall.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent

The marriage of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, referred to in a report of their visits to the Vatican in *The Times* yesterday, took place at a civil ceremony in Vienna in 1978. It was performed according to the Catholic rite in Westminster Cathedral in 1983.

Leeds Grammar School

The Governors of Leeds Grammar School have appointed Mr B. W. Collins, at present Headmaster of the Glyn School, Ewell, to succeed Mr A. C. F. Verity as Headmaster from September, 1986.

Luncheons

The Pilgrims

Lord Carrington, CH, presided at a luncheon given by The Pilgrims yesterday at Claridge's hotel in honour of Mr George Shultz, Secretary of State of the United States. Others present included:

The American Ambassador and Mrs Price II, the Earl of Cromer, the Right Rev Lord Coggan, Lord Caccia, Lord Chalfont, Lord Cheyreses, QC, Lord Gladwyn, Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, Sir Patrick Dean, Sir Archibald Forbes, Vice-Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly, Sir Antony Acland, Mrs George Shultz, Lieutenant-Colonel S W Chapl-Sempill, Mr Robert L Slemon, Mr Brian Connell, and Mr W E Channing.

Royal Society of Chemistry

Professor R. O. C. Norman, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, was the host at a luncheon held at Burlington House yesterday. Among the guests were:

Dr John Cunningham, MP, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Professor J I G Cadogan, Dr R D Quilter, Professor R Thompson, Mr B A Henman, Mr A J Lamble, Mr S G Luxon, and Mr H I Shalgosky.

Variety Club of Great Britain

Mr John Ratcliff, Chief Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain, presided at the annual Christmas luncheon held at the Hilton hotel yesterday in honour of Mr Davy Kaye. The other speakers were Professor Christiaan Barnard, Mr Barry Cryer, the Rev Lawrence Jackson, and Mr Bernie Winters.

Dinners

Middle Temple

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother dined *in Middle Temple last night* with her fellow Masters of the Bench.

Royal Commonwealth Society

Sir Peter Gadsden, Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society, and Lady Gadsden gave a dinner last night in honour of all Commonwealth high commissioners in London and their ladies. Among the guests were Lord Trend, president of the society, and Lady Trend; Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Dr Young, Sir Philip and Lady Moore, Sir William and Lady Heseltine, and Sir Peter *Marshall, Commonwealth Deputy* Secretary-General.

Institution of Chemical Engineers

Mr A. W. Forster, President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, and Mrs Forster were hosts at the annual dinner of council held last night at Ironmongers' Hall, by permission of the Ironmongers' Company. The principal guest was Sir Kenneth Durham, who received a certificate of honorary fellowship of the institution.

Trustee Savings Bank

A dinner to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Trustee Savings Banks took place at Guildhall last night. The Chairman of TSB Group, Sir John Read, presided and the guests of honour were Mr Ian Stewart MP, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, and Judge Sir James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London.

Company of Environmental Cleaners

The company of Environmental Cleaners held its annual dinner at Stationers' Hall last night, Mr Donald Wells, Master, presided, assisted by Lady Porter, Senior Warden, and Mr Brian Barclay, Junior Warden. Mr Norman Royce, President of the City Livery Club, proposed the health of the company.

Women's Advertising Club of London

The Bishop of Peterborough was the *guest speaker at the Christmas* dinner given by the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Miss Danielle Barr, president of the club, was in the chair.

Party

"Not Forgotten" Association

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the annual *Christmas party* for disabled ex-servicemen and women held at the Royal Riding School, Buckingham Palace, yesterday. Baroness Trumpington, an Under-Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, gave an address. A concert, arranged by Miss Anne Shelton, was given

Service dinner

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Officers of the RAOC Apprentices College dined together at Deepcut last night for the final time.

Bridge triumph against Dutch

England triumphed in a new *international bridge event* played at the Victoria Hotel, Amsterdam, over the weekend. In the six-category match played against The Netherlands, five of the six matches were won by England, leading to an overall victory by 344 to 192 imps. English teams and scores:

Men: R S Brock, A R Forrester, R Smolski, J N Armstrong, 40-50; women: Mrs S Horton, Mrs E Lamdy, Mrs J Priddy, Mrs E Pike, 74-14; juniors: J Fawcett, I Popplestone, P Crouch, J F Pottage, 61-28; counties: Dr M R Hamblin, M H Horton, Mr and Mrs G Hedley, 66-25; clubs: T Markusson, Ms P Goodman-Smith, L Gaunt, M Freedman, 47-45; celebrities: Aurnere Campbell, D Walker, Ms Liz Fraser, A M Hiron, 87-32.

Latest wills

Mrs Lucie Leslie Goossens, of Hammersmith, London, wife of Leon Goossens, the oboist and conductor, left estate valued at £158,680 net.

Mrs Marjorie Elizabeth Betts, of Worthing, left £195,179 net. She left £50,000 to the Retired Baptist Ministers Housing Society.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Allen, Mr Douglas Geoffrey Glenn, of Aldeburgh, analytical chemist £423,528

Burrough, Mr Richard Frank, of Weston super Mare, farmer £336,048

Rule, Mr Frederick Birkett, of Huntingdon £581,748

Neglect of Georgian London 'a scandal'

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

The continuing destruction of Georgian architecture in London is described as a scandal in a report published today by Save Britain's Heritage. It blames "private greed, public incompetence and indifference, bureaucratic delay and political intransigence" for its neglect, dereliction and destruction.

The 94-page report, by Ken Powell and Paul Duncan, calls for the Secretary of State for the Environment to use his powers contained in listed building legislation to force recalcitrant local authorities to act.

Tourists visit the capital for its historic buildings, but the loss of medieval architecture in the Great Fire of 1666 and later redevelopment "makes the *surviving fabric of Georgian* London all the more important", it says. Historic buildings are still being lost at an alarming rate.

The new Chinese Embassy in Portland Place, central London, is one of the "scandals" illustrated. The design is a replica of a James Adam building of the late 1770s, but bears only a general resemblance to the former house.

"Any merits it might possess are negated by the huge excrescence on the roof, housed in a pseudo-mansard, which is topped by a very prominent aerial, some 30ft tall. The *building is* a serious blot on a once splendid street".

Bradmore House, Hammersmith Broadway, west London is now being demolished, although its remains are being put into store for possible rebuilding. The house has been attributed to the great Baroque architect, Thomas Archer. It is being removed to make way for another huge *redevelopment* scheme.

The Government's Property Services Agency is criticized for its treatment of the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. "The arsenal is being desecrated and there is an air of general neglect," the report says. Restoration where it has taken place, seems sporadic, and there appears to be no overall strategy.

It calls for a campaign for human values in architecture and *planning to coincide with* the transfer of responsibility of historic buildings in the capital from the Greater London Council to English Heritage next year.

Scandal: Georgian London in Decay (available from Save Britain's Heritage, 68 Battersea High Street, London SW11 3HX, price £5, inc p & p).

Sale room

Few buyers for Arundel marbles

By Huon Mallalieu

The lack of interest in the Arundel marbles offered by *Christie's* yesterday makes one wonder a little about the seriousness of the campaign to repatriate the later purchases of Lord Elgin.

The most important of the Arundel marbles, a relief of a fallen giant from the frieze of the great altar of Zeus at Pergamon, was bought in at £180,000 (estimate about £250,000) and a marble fragment of a thigh, which is traditionally supposed to have come from the south-west *pediment of the Parthenon*, failed at £2,600 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000).

A Roman marble bust of an *Antonine prince*, which did not have an Arundel provenance, was also bought in at £100,000 (estimate more than £100,000), and the total for the group of sculptures sent for sale by the Marian Fathers from Fawley Court, Henley-on-Thames, and Lord Burnham from Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, was £52,963.

In a print sale, also at Sotheby's, a set of Chagall's lithographs "Daphnis and Chloe" was bought by a German dealer for £81,400 (estimate £50,000 to £60,000).

A two-day sale of books, including children's books and illustrations, ended with a total of £420,684.

Science report

Why different birds flock together

By a Special Correspondent

While birds of a feather flock together, it is also quite common to find birds of different feathers in the same flock. That is often regarded as a puzzle. When two species are doing the same thing or, in the argot of ecology, occupying the same niche, one or the other should be excluded by competition between them. If they are not doing the same thing, then why are they together? The two proposed explanations, more efficient foraging and better *protection against predators*, have come in for closer scrutiny by biologists.

Foraging may be improved if *species differ in their abilities to* locate food patches, or if the activities of one incidentally make food available to another, for example by flushing insects from cover. Alternatively, individuals of large, dominant species may wait for others to find food, and then rob them.

Defence against predation may include the "safety in numbers" strategy. The more other individuals you are with, the less likely a predator is to pick you to attack, because predators are confused by larger numbers. There is also enhanced vigilance for enemies.

The last benefit could, of course, apply to single species flocks. But mixed flocks have the additional advantage that the species occupy *different niches and so competition* between them is reduced.

Two scientists from Ohio State University at Columbus, United *States, Theodore Berner and* Thomas Grubb, have recently tested those hypotheses. They reasoned that if foraging efficiency *is the main explanation*, then increasing the food supply will decrease mixed flocking, since it will become unnecessary. If anti-predation advantages are paramount, then more food will not reduce the incidence of mixed flocks.

Two small, isolated and ecologically similar pieces of woodland were observed for consecutive winters. Five species of bird – two titmice, a creeper, a nuthatch and a woodpecker – were often seen in mixed flocks, and in the first winter there was no difference between the two woods in the amount of mixed flocking that went on.

In the second winter, Berner and Grubb provisioned one of the *woods with sunflower* seeds and suet, the other being left as a control. In all five species the incidence of mixed flocking *dropped by at least 50 per cent* and in the case of one titmouse, by 80 per cent. In the control woodland there was no difference from the *previous winter*.

It thus appears, in this case at least, that foraging efficiency is an important factor in promoting mixed flocks. Deciding whether it is the only factor is technically more difficult. It would be ethically dubious to experiment by subjecting the birds to an increased threat of predation.

Source: *Ecology 66*, pp1229-1236.

OBITUARY

COL D. J. DEAN, VC

Bravery in final battles of World War I

Colonel Donald John Dean, VC, OBE, who died on December 9 at the age of 88, won his Victoria Cross in 1918 in the closing period of the First World War during fierce fighting near Lens, north of Arras.

He was then serving as a lieutenant in the 8th Battalion, The Royal West Kent Regiment.

The son of J. H. Dean, he was born on April 19, 1897 at Herne Hill in south east London and educated at Quernmore College. He joined the Army in 1915 as a private in the 28th London Regiment (Artists' Rifles).

Between September 24 and September 26, 1918, he and his platoon were holding an advance *post established in a* newly-captured enemy trench north-west of Lens. Shortly after the post was occupied the enemy attempted to recapture it but without success. Under heavy machine-gun fire Dean and his men consolidated the post and another determined enemy attack was driven off.

In difficult conditions the consolidation was renewed but at 6 am on September 25 a resolute enemy attack developed supported by heavy shell and mortar fire. Yet again, by masterly handling of his command Dean repulsed the attack causing heavy enemy casualties. Further enemy attacks supported by intense artillery fire ensued but none succeeded.

In all Dean's post was five times assaulted, three of the assaults being of great violence but all failed. "Thoughout the period," said the citation for his Victoria Cross "Dean inspired his command with his own contempt of danger and all fought with the greatest bravery".

Dean was mentioned in despatches and also served again in the Second World War.

He was a Justice of the Peace and a Deputy Lieutenant for Kent and in 1961 was made OBE.

He married in 1923 Marjorie, daughter of W. R Wood. They had one son and one daughter.

CDR D. H. EVANS, GC

Commander David Hywel Evans, GC, died on December 8 at the age of 87. As a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Navy in September 1918 he won an Albert Medal for saving life when a serious explosion occurred amidships in HMS Glatton when she was lying in Dover harbour. The medal was translated to a George Cross in 1971.

When fire broke out in HMS Glatton, the oil fuel burned furiously and spread fore and aft. The foremost magazines were flooded, but it was not possible to get to the after magazine flooding positions. The explosion and fire cut off the after part of the ship causing a great many casualties, and the ship was in danger of blowing up at any moment.

Sub-Lieutenant Evans with three others were in boats which were rescuing men who had been blown or had jumped overboard. They boarded HMS Glatton, entered the superstructure which was full of dense smoke and succeeded in rescuing seven or eight badly-injured men from the mess deck, in addition to 15 whom they found and brought out from inside the superstructure.

They continued in their rescue work until all hope of saving any more men was past, and they were ordered to abandon ship. She was then sunk by torpedo as the fire was spreading and it was not possible to flood the after magazines.

Earlier in that year, Evans had taken part in the celebrated raid on Zeebrugge, an operation of the utmost daring, which blocked the canal and docks, effectively denying them as a refuge to German submarines and destroyers.

The son of S. J. Evans, OBE, *Evans was born in 1898 and* educated at Llangefni Grammar School, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth and Christ Church, Oxford.

He was a science master at Radley College from 1923 to 1925. He served as an instructor officer, RN from 1925 to 1947. He was senior lecturer and warden of Devonshire Hall, *University of Leeds from* 1947 to 1963.

In the First World War he served in the 13th Submarine *Flotilla* and in HMS Trident in the Dover Patrol.

In the Second World War he served in the South Atlantic in HMS Anson on Arctic convoys.

He was honorary secretary of the Albert Medal Association from 1966 to 1972; a committee member of VC and GC Association from 1972 and vice-president of Zeebrugge *(1918) Association*.

He was married and had one daughter.

SIR HARRY TRUSTED

Sir Harry Trusted, QC, Chief Justice of the Federated Malay States from 1941 to 1945, died on December 8 at the age of 97.

Harry Herbert Trusted was born on June 27, 1888 the son of the Rev Wilson Trusted and educated at Ellesmere College *and Trinity Hall, Cambridge*. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1913.

In the First World War he served overseas in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and on the Staff. In the 1920s and 1930s he was Attorney-General in the Leeward Islands, Cyprus and Palestine and in 1937 was appointed Chief Justice of the last-named territory. He had not long been made Chief Justice when he was taken prisoner by the Japanese.

In 1947 he was chairman of the Malayan and Singapore Salaries Commission. From 1951 to 1953 he was on special duty with the Foreign Office and from 1953 to 1963 he sat as a Divorce Commissioner.

He married in 1911 Mary, daughter of Sir Marshall Warmington, KC. His wife died in 1983.

SIR PHILIP MARGETSON

Major Sir Philip Margetson, KCVO, MC, Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis from 1946 to 1957, died on December 5 at the age of 91.

The son of *W. P. Margetson*, he was born on January 2, 1894 and educated at Marlborough and RMC Sandhurst and was gazetted to The Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1915. He was awarded a Military Cross in the following year.

He returned from the Army in 1932 and joined the Metropolitan Police. He was appointed Deputy Assistant Commissioner of No 1 District in 1940 and in October 1946 was transferred to A department.

After his retirement from the police he joined Securicor Ltd of which he was chairman from 1960 to 1973. In the latter year he was made honorary *president. He became CVO in 1948* and advanced to KCVO in 1953.

He married in 1918 Diana, elder daughter of Sir John Thorneycroft, KBE. They had two sons of whom the elder was killed on active service in 1943.

Lady Hester Margaret Bourne, who died on December 9 at the age of 90, was vice-chairman of the Conservative Party Organization and president of the National Society of Conservative and Unionist Women Organizers from 1939 to 1943.

Mrs Hester Henderson, wife of the Rt Rev E. B. Henderson, DSC, Bishop of Bath and Wells from 1960 to 1975, died on December 5. She was Hester Borradaile Taylor and she was married in 1935.

Lady Stedeford, widow of Sir Ivan Stedeford, GBE, formerly chairman and managing director of Tube Investments Ltd, died on December 5 in her 86th year. She was Gwendoline Edith Aston and she was married in 1923.

Lady Mallet, wife of Sir Ivo Mallet, GBE, KCMG, formerly Ambassador to Spain, died on December 7. She was Marie-Angele, daughter of Joseph Wierusz-Kowalski, and she was married in 1929.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

All this . . . and a £1bn error in M3, too

"Lord, lord, how subject we old men are to this vice of lying" is how Falstaff summed up the babblings of Justice Shallow. Markets registered much the same reaction when confronted at 2.30 yesterday afternoon with perhaps the most bizarre set of money supply figures yet seen in London.

The run-up to the dreaded release was appropriately disordered. Median expectations among the traders were a growth in £M3 of 1¼ per cent. Mid-morning rumours swept the market that bank lending would rise by £3 billion, and £M3 by 3 per cent. The published increase of just 2 per cent in broad money, and ½ per cent in Mo came as something of an anti-climax, even though the growth rate of £3M has risen over the past three months from 17¼ per cent to 20¼ per cent. The gilts market even managed a small rally, relieved that the figures were less poor than had been feared.

Then came the authorities' coup de fouare. An error had been discovered in returns of the monetary sector, worth £1 billion. Officially, the error is a discrepancy between the deposits taken by monetary institutions from other institutions in the sector, and advances made to them. This means that the reported rise of £2.4 billion money supply could ultimately vary between £1.4 billion, assumimg an illicit £1 billion had crept in, and an unknown figure higher than £2.4 billion.

Yet again the authorities have left the market with no precise statistical guide to the conduct of monetary policy. Bank lending last month might be as low as £1 billion, or could be as high as £3 billion. The current buoyancy of retail sales and the strength of personal sector credit demand reported by the London and Scottish bankers would support the latter. The markets will not be offered much early relief. Make-up day for the banking month of December is today, which, by an odd coincidence, is the application date for the Cable & Wireless issue. The next set of money supply numbers may be quite as distorted as yesterday's.

Traders, especially those who bought the tap, now languishing up to one point below purchase prices, are starting to appreciate the validity of the Chancellor's words, in late November, to the Treasury Select Committee. According to Nigel Lawson, the successful conduct of monetary policy is a complicated matter and a difficult matter.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If you actually get the desired results, then that probably means that your judgement is broadly correct."

Sterling fell yesterday below $1.44 against the dollar and through the 80-mark on the trade-weighted index to 79.1, even though money rates rose by ⅛-point and Mrs Thatcher assured the Commons that interest rates would remain where they were for the time being.

Oil price war fears now stalk the market. So too does hope that the underlying situation is not half so bad as a jangled market is tempted to believe. Some traders, even now, hope for an early cut in the US Federal discount rate to add some leaven to a gloomy situation.

Dr Henry Kaufman, of Salomon Brothers, who broadly forecast a half-point cut in the US discount rate before the year-end, is now less certain. Yesterday, he told *The Times* from New York: "Between now and the end of January, there is a better than even chance of a discount rate cut" – words which lengthen both the time frame and the odds for a cut.

Dr Kaufman's words also confirm that support for sterling from external factors must be shaky. It all seems faintly reminiscent of what happened some 12 months ago. This year, sterling's agony, may come before rather than after Christmas.

A noble way for the Pru

The fate of Matthew Brown, the Blackburn brewer, is in the steady and experienced hands of the Prudential. The £126 million takeover bid from Scottish & Newcastle Breweries has been fought in a spirited fashion and when the offer closes at 3.30pm today the result will be extremely close. Whitbread Investment Company and Britannic Assurance, together accounting for nearly a fifth of the shares, are expected to remain loyal. So is Matthew Brown's army of small local shareholders. The Pru, with just under 5 per cent of the shares, can swing the result.

Scottish & Newcastle's terms are generous. They value Matthew Brown on a price/earnings ratio of 26 and each of its 550 pubs at £230,000. At 538p in the market, Matthew Brown shares are 32p below the value of S & N's 16-for-5 share exchange terms and 2p below the underwritten cash alternative. They will fall further if the bid fails.

Scottish & Newcastle has assured Matthew Brown employees that there would be no unnecessary redundancies (only necessary ones?) and that the company would become responsible for all S & N's activities in the North-West of England if the bid were successful. In reality, a bid at this level makes little sense, unless S & N proceeds to close at least two of Matthew Brown's four breweries. The brewing would be moved to S & N's own plants whose profitability would then greatly improve. It makes sense for S & N but is this the sort of sense institutional investors, with longer perspectives, should support?

Matthew Brown has a good record as a progressive regional brewer, and a promising future. Institutional investors should think twice before sacrificing it to the cost cutting imperatives of a larger corporation with an indifferent record. It would involve a short term loss but rejection is the nobler course.

Lloyd's chiefs clamp down on preferred underwriting

By Lawrence Lever

Measures to curb the practice of preferred underwriting and formally outlawing baby syndicates were announced yesterday by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the outgoing chief executive of Lloyd's.

Mr Davison revealed that Lloyd's will be introducing its first membership test of competence from January 1.

The provisions relating to preferred underwriting and baby syndicates are contained in a new code of practice and a byelaw approved by the Council of Lloyd's.

The Multiple Sundicates by-law, which, unlike the code of practice, has mandatory force, was a surprise inclusion in the Council's reform package and was not put before the Lloyd's market.

The by-law applies in cases where a managing agent manages two or more syndicates, one of which consists of fewer than 50 members – and more than a quarter of that syndicate's underwriting capacity is provided by people connected with the managing agent.



Ian Hay Davison: pursuit of standards

The managing agent must seek the consent of Lloyd's Council to manage the smaller syndicate that is transacting business in the same market as the smaller syndicate.

Consent will not be given by the Council unless it is satisfied that the purpose of the smaller syndicate is not to favour its members over members in the other syndicates managed by the agents.

The by-law places the onus on managing agents to justify the existence of syndicates they manage which have fewer than 50 members; consent for those agents coming within the ambit of the by-law, must be sought from the Council by December 31 next year. Failure to do so will prevent agents from accepting further business for the syndicate for which consent is required.

The new code of practice provides for agents managing more than one syndicate to disclose to all direct names, and members agents on the syndicates concerned, full details of its underwriting arrangements.

The idea is that names can decide at the beginning of each year whether they wish to remain in the managing agents' syndicates.

Moreover, the code covers the situation "where groups of names may or may appear to, receive selective or partial treatment", in other words where a managing agent manages two or more differently constituted syndicates (irrespective of their size) capable of writing the same risks.

The code suggests methods of avoiding or minimizing potential conflicts of interest where a managing agent manages two or more syndicates capable of writing the same risks.

Mr Davison also announced that from January 1 any new brokers or underwriters conducting business in the Lloyd's underwriting room for the first time will have to pass the Lloyd's introductory test within 15 months.

This test of competence would "not impose very rigorous standards" he said. The test would not apply to existing members and there would be an exclusion for experienced brokers or underwriters coming to the Lloyd's underwriting room for the first time.

Management pays £110m for Tese

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

A management buyout consortium with backing from Mr Alan Bond, the Australian financier, is to buy Thorn EMI Screen Entertainment (Tese) one of the world's largest film companies, for £110 million.

The deal was welcomed by the British film industry which had feared that Thorn EMI would sell Tese, with interests ranging from the ABC cinema chain to Elstree studios, to either the Rank Organisation or the Los Angeles-based Cannon group.

Mr Gary Dartnall, Tese's chief executive, said he had faced competition from up to 30 other potential buyers during two months of negotiations.

The bids from Cannon and Rank, both with substantial cinema interests in Britain, failed because of the threat of a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The management buyout bid was accepted after the intervention of Mr Alan Bond, who will be putting up £15 million for a 45 per cent stake in the equity. He will be joining the board.

The management will receive 10 per cent of the shares and options over more shares. The rest will be placed with clients of Bear Stearns, the New York investment bank.

Bear Stearns will also be raising the £75 million of debt involved in the buyout.

Mr Bond expects to gain access to Tese's film library of more than 2,000 films for his cable television interests in Australia as a result of the deal.

Mr Bond provided the financial backing for the successful Australian bid for the Americas Cup in 1983 and his Bond Corporation owns a wide range of industrial interests in Australia.

Oil price sends sterling index to record one-day fall

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply yesterday, as oil prices on the spot market continued their decline after the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to focus on market share and stop supporting prices.

The sterling index fell from 80.3 at Monday's close to 78.9 last night, its biggest ever one-day fall. The pound dropped 2.55 cents to $1.4370 and nearly six pfennigs to DM3.6470. Later in New York, the pound was quoted at $1.4350.

The fall in North Sea prices gathered pace, with one major cargo for delivery in March changing hands at $23.65 a barrel. Prices for delivery from the North Sea next month were being quoted at about $25.10 a barrel, and one trader offered a cargo of Brent crude at $24.90.

The average price for February delivery is $24.20, and for March delivery $23.80. The price of Middle East oil also fell by more than a dollar a barrel, with Dubai's high quality crude offered at $25.90 a barrel.

Apart from the weakness of oil prices, confidence in the pound was not helped by another poor set of money supply figures. The Bank of England announced that the sterling M3 measure of money supply rose by 2 per cent in banking November. Narrow money, MO, rose by 0.5 per cent.

The rise in sterling M3 was largely due to a £1.9 billion increase in bank lending. The public sector had a contractionary effect on sterling M3 of £0.5 billion, a public sector borrowing requirement of £0.8 billion being offset by debt sales and external flows to the public sector of £1.3 billion.

Sterling M3 was boosted by £1 billion by the "other counterparts." This, according to Bank of England officials, arose out of an extraordinary and identifiable interbank difference, probably resulting from an error, of £1 billion. However, it is not certain whether this £1 billion should be deducted from the rise in sterling M3 or simply allocated to bank lending.

Beazer team overstretched, says Kier

The latest target of the takeover specialist, Mr Brian Beazer, last night gave a warning that the management at his C. H. Beazer housebuilding group is almost certainly overstretched, writes Cliff Feltham.

French Keir, the civil engineer which is fighting off a £116 million bid by Beazer, claimed the board was largely composed of people with accounting and merchant banking backgrounds who did not know how to run a major international construction business.

French Kier's chairman Mr John Mott, advising his shareholders to throw out the offer, said: "Beazer is trying to obtain your company's name, reputation and management at a discount."

He said it was difficult to judge Beazer's own record because the number of acquisitions it had made it difficult to draw any comparisons.

McCorquodale to spend £7m closing division

McCorquodale, the printing group, is making a £7.2 million extraordinary provision in its accounts against the closure of its machine systems division.

The company said yesterday it had decided since the end of its financial year in September to end all the trading activities of McCorquodale Machine Systems because of the delay in completing the development of its new range of equipment and the size of the resources required to market and manufacture the completed product.

Mr Hugh Wyatt, the chairman of MMC, is resigning from McCorquodale's board.

The company also announced a 31 per cent rise in pretax profits for its last financial year from £7.8 million to £10.2 million. A final dividend of 3.4p is proposed, raising the total from 5.3p to 5.7p.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **PICCADILLY THEATRE:** The company is missing the dividend for the six months to March 31. Turnover was £125,315 (£100,757), earnings before tax £19,339 (£20,901) and tax £8,219 (£11,032). Earnings per share were 1.2p (1.1p).

● **BERKELEY GROUP:** An interim dividend of 1.4p (1.2p), payable on February 14, has been announced with the results for the six months to October 31. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 13,237 (7,568), operating profit to 1,910 (1,032) and pretax profit to 1,668 (906). Earnings per share were 8.3p (5p) adjusted for rights.

● **MCLEOD RUSSEL:** Results for the year to September 30 (18 months to September 30 last year) include a final dividend of 4.5p making 7.5p (11.5p for 18 months), payable on February 12. With figures in £000, turnover was 28,553 (40,621) and pretax profit 14,297 (12,018). Earnings per share were 77.4p (52.45p).

● **R.F.D. GROUP:** An interim dividend of 1.12p (1.015p) for the half-year to September 30, payable on March 3 next, has been declared. With figures in £000, turnover was 19,364 (20,589), trading profit 1,006 (709) and pretax profit 664 (512). Earnings per share were 2.73p (1.78p).

● **MINET HOLDINGS:** Results for the nine months to September 30 (figures in £000) show turnover up to 66,466 (57,269) and pretax profit to 24,185 (17,668). The comparable figures for the nine months to September 30 last year have not been restated to reflect the rates of exchange ruling for the year 1984.

● **THOMAS BORTHWICK:** A dividend of 0.5p (0.5p) for the year ended September 29 has been declared. With figures in £000, group turnover was 552,690 (541,785), profit on ordinary activities before tax 4,699 (4,188), and tax 1,502 (2,077). Earnings per share were 5.3p (3.40p).

Smith and Nephew, the medical and toiletries group, is issuing $60 million of convertible bonds carrying a coupon of between 5¼ and 5½ per cent. The proceeds will be used to repay some borrowings and finance expansion.

South Africans extend freeze on debt

From Michael Horusby
Johannesburg

The four-month standstill on repayment of most of South Africa's short-term foreign debt, which began in September, is to be extended until March 31.

Dr Chris Stals, South Africa's director-general of finance and chairman of the standstill coordinating committee said last night that the extension was "necessary to allow sufficient time for the parties involved to come to an acceptable arrangement for the gradual withdrawal of the restrictions."

A South African proposal for "a longer-term arrangement for the repayment of the debts" would be circulated to foreign creditors by Dr Fritz Leutwiler, the Swiss banker who is mediating in the negotiations with them.

Dr Stals gave no details, but said the government believed it provided "a realistic basis for further constructive discussion."

Westland asks for dealings to be suspended

By Rodney Cowton

Stock Exchange dealings in the shares of Westland, the Yeovil helicopter manufacturer, were suspended yesterday at the company's request.

Mr Michael Baughan, a director of Lazard Brothers, the merchant bank which advises Westland, said the intention was to make the suspension as short as possible. The group was hoping to announce its preliminary annual results, details of a recapitalization programme and the involvement of a new partner before Christmas.

In view of the level of speculation Westland had had little option but to seek a suspension to prevent the share price "either shooting up or down".

Westland needs a capital injection to bridge the gap caused by a shortfall in orders over the next few years until the Anglo-Italian EH-101 naval helicopter comes into production.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	1115.7 (+0.3)
FT All Share	673.49 (−1.26)
FT Govt Securities	N/A
FT-SE 100	1389.4 (−2.8)
Bargains	29,143
Datastream USM	107.38 (−0.24)
New York	
Dow Jones	1497.25 (+0.23)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12850.95 (+52.72)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1728.299 (+4.02)
Amsterdam:	238.5 (−0.2)
Sydney: AO	980.6 (−5.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1739.1 (+6.0)
Brussels:	
General	975.91 (+59.12)
Paris: CAC	247.8 (+1.5)
Zurich:	
SKA General	475.0 (+3.20)

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EBC Group	165p + 20p
Allied Colloids	158p + 12p
Milford Docks	69p + 5p
Whatman Rve Angl	210p + 15p
Spencer Clark	113p + 7p
Oceonics Group	34p + 2p
Neil & Spencer	17p + 1p
Connells Est Ag	178p + 10p
Crystalate Hldgs	125p + 7p
United Biscuits	251p + 14p
Campari Intl	37p + 2p
Benlox Hldgs	21p + 1p
Supra Group	42p + 2p
Sycamore Hldgs	10.50p + 0.50p
Ocean Transport	198p + 9p

FALLS:

Cifer	6p − 2p
Sound Diffusion	24p − 6p
Anglo Nord Hldgs	27p − 5p
Castle (GB)	11p − 2p
Microvitec	24p − 4p
Audiotronic Hldgs	3.50p − 0.50p
Latham, James	265p − 30p
Property Trust	5p − 0.50p
BSR Intl	58p − 5p
McCarthy & Stone	275p − 7p
Feedback	60p − 5p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $1.4370 (−0.0255)
£: DM 3.6468(−0.0559)
£: SwFr 3.0471(−0.0378)
£: FFr 11.1262(−0.1715)
£: Yen 292.13(−5.42)
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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month interbank 11⅜₁₆−11⅛₁₆%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11⅜₃₂−11⅜₁₆
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 7⅝₁₆%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.19−7.17%
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IN BRIEF

GEC offer rejected

Plessey, the electronics and telecommunications company which is the target of a £1.18 billion bid from The General Electronic Company, Britain's biggest electrics group, yesterday rejected outright the GEC approach as "palpably inadequate".

But Plessey, whose earlier suggestion that it should take over GEC's stake in System X telephone exchanges, was brushed aside by GEC, has opened the door to further talks "without preconditions", which could mean either a System X suppliers' merger or even a takeover of Plessey's interests by GEC.

The GEC offer – a mixture of cash and shares including unsecured loan stock – values Plessey ordinary shares at less than 163p, Plessey said. Plessey shares ended the day at 174p, down 2p. GEC shares were unchanged at 172p.

Plessey said that, apart from its System X interests, GEC might need Plessey's businesses but "such a move is not in the interests of healthy competition, the furtherance of exports in the defence industry or the future development of a strong and vital high technology business."

Brewers bubble

Vaux Group and Greenall Whitley, the regional brewers, have reported increased pretax profits for the year to September. Vaux's rose to £14.7 million from £13 million on sales increased to £144.7 million from £126.8 million. Greenall's rose to £30.7 million from £28.3 million on sales of £344.3 million, up from £269.3 million. Vaux's final dividend of 7.321p makes 11.061p for the year (10.055p). Greenall's final of 2.8535p makes 4.9261p (4.4644p). Tempus, page 19

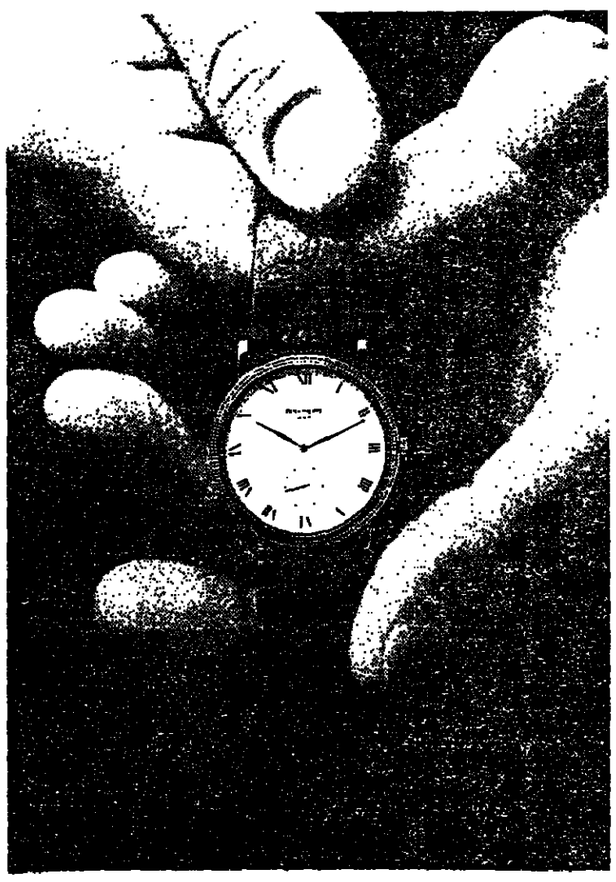
Meyer dips

Meyer International, the timber company, saw pretax profits fall from £16.1 million to £13.2 million in the six months to September 30. Turnover was down from £284 million to £279 million, but the interim dividend is up from 1.8p to 1.95p. Tempus, page 19

Intasun shines

The package tour firm International Leisure (Intasun) yesterday reported half-time profits of £29.4 million compared with £16.4 million and an unchanged 2p a share interim dividend. Tempus, page 19

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WALL STREET

	Dec 9	Dec 8
AMR	42⅞	40⅞
ASA	34⅝	35⅝
Allied Signal	45⅝	44⅞
Allied Stores	66½	66½
Allis Chalmers	3½	3½
Alcoa	37	36⅞
Amax Inc	12½	12½
Amerada Hess	27½	27¾
Am Brands	51½	51½
Am Broadcast	120½	120⅛
Am Can	61⅝	61¼
Am Cyanamid	57⅝	56⅞
Am Elec Power	23¼	23⅝
Am Express	51	49⅝
Am Home	63½	62⅝
Am Motors	2⅝	2½
Am Standard	37½	37½
Am Telephone	24½	24
Amoco	63⅝	65⅛
Amco Steel	9⅝	9⅜
Asarco	18½	18⅝
Ashland Oil	37¾	37¾
Atlntic Richfield	63	64⅝
Avon Products	28⅝	28½
Bankers Tst NY	70½	70½
Bankamerica	13⅝	13⅜
Bank of Boston	57½	57½
Bank of NY	47⅜	46⅛
Baxter Trav	15½	15⅜
Beatrice Foods	45½	45½
Bethlehem Steel	15⅝	15⅝
Boeing	51¼	50⅛
Boise Cascade	45½	44⅛
Borden	48⅝	48⅛
Borg Warner	22⅞	22⅞
Bristol Myers	64⅜	63⅞
BP	31⅛	32⅝
Burlington Ind	31½	31½
Burlington Nthn	69⅝	69⅝
Burroughs	61⅛	60½
Campbell Soup	55	55½
Canadian Pacific	12⅝	12½
Caterpillar	40¼	40
Celanese	141⅞	139⅝
Central SW	26⅝	26⅝
Champion	25⅝	24½
Chase Manhat	29⅝	27
Chem Bank NY	44	43⅝
Chevron	36	38
Chrysler	42⅝	42½
Citicorp	47⅞	46⅝
Clark Equip	24⅝	25½
Coca Cola	54½	53⅝
Colgate	29½	29⅝
CBS	108½	109¾
Columbia Gas	35⅝	36½
Combustion Eng	26¾	26⅝
Conwith Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Edison	29⅝	30⅝
Cons Nat Gas	45½	45½
Cons Power	8	7⅞
Control Data	18⅝	19½
Corning Glass	59⅞	59⅝
CPC Intl	51⅞	51⅞
Crane	38½	38½
Crown Zeller	39½	39¾
Dart & Kraft	40⅝	40⅝
Deere	26½	25⅝
Delta Air	39½	39
Detroit Edison	15⅝	15½
Digital Equip	127⅜	125½
Disney	103½	102
Dow Chemical	35⅝	35⅝
Dresser Ind	15⅝	15⅝
Duke Power	35½	35½
Du Pont	65½	64
Eastern Air	6¼	6⅛
Eastman Kodak	50⅝	50
Eaton Corp	63½	60⅝
Emerson Elect	76½	75¼
Emery Air Frgt	16⅛	16⅛

	Dec 9	Dec 5
Exxon Corp	52½	53½
Fed Dept Stores	65⅝	66
Firestone	20⅝	20½
Fst Chicago	25⅝	24½
Fst Intrst Bncp	53	51⅛
Fst Penn Corp	6½	6½
Ford	55½	54⅝
GAF Corp	57⅜	47⅞
GTE Corp	44	43½
Gen Corp	60⅝	58½
Gen Dynamics	67⅝	66⅞
Gen Electric	66⅝	65⅞
Gen Inst	15⅞	16½
Gen Mills	58½	58⅝
Gen Motors	72⅝	71½
Gen Pub Util NY	16½	15⅞
Genesco	3¼	3⅛
Georgia Pacific	25½	25⅝
Gillette	68½	68½
Goodrich	33	33
Goodyear	25⅝	25⅝
Gould Inc	32⅝	31½
Grace	45½	44⅛
Gt Attic & Pacific	19⅛	19⅜
Greyhound	31½	31½
Grumman Corp	32½	32½
Gulf & West	43½	46
Heinz H. J.	32½	32⅝
Hercules	39⅝	38⅝
Hewlett-Pkrd	35⅝	36
Honeywell	72	70⅝
IC Inds	39½	38⅝
Ingersoll	54½	55½
Inland Steel	24	24
IBM	144⅝	141½
Int Harvester	8⅝	7⅞
INCO	12⅝	12⅝
Int Paper	49½	49⅝
Int Tel Tel	34⅝	34⅝
Irving Bank	40½	40½
Jim Walter	41	40⅝
Johnson & John	50⅝	49⅝
Kaiser Alumin	16½	16½
Kerr McGee	32½	33½
Kimberly Clark	69½	69⅝
K Mart	35	34½
Kroger	47½	47½
LTV Corp	6⅝	6⅝
Litton	77⅛	78
Lockheed	48	47
Lucky Stores	25⅝	25½
Manuf Hanover	43½	42½
Manville Cp	5⅝	5⅜
Mapco	34½	34⅝
Marine Midland	37	37½
Martin Marietta	34½	34⅝
Masco	35⅝	36⅛
McDonnell	76	72
Mead	41	41
Merck	131⅛	130
Minnesota Mng	87⅛	85½
Mobil Oil	29½	30⅝
Monsanto	47½	46⅝
Morgan J. P.	59⅝	58⅝
Motorola	38	37⅞
NCR Corp	38½	37⅞
NL Industries	13½	13½
Nat Distillers	36½	35⅝
Nat Med Ent	22⅝	22½
Nat Semicndctr	13⅝	13½
Norfolk South	77½	77
NW Bancorp	28½	28⅜
Occidental Pet	32⅝	34¼
Ogden	32½	33⅜
Olin Corp	36	36½
Owens-Illinois	54⅝	53⅝
Pacific Gas Elec	19½	19⅝
Pan Am	7⅛	8⅛
Penney J. C.	55½	54½
Pennzoil	63⅝	63⅝
Pepsico	71	69½

	Dec 9	Dec 6
Pfizer	52⅝	51⅞
Phelps Dodge	23⅜	23
Philip Morris	80⅜	79½
Phillips Petrol	12⅛	12⅜
Polaroid	38⅝	37⅝
PPG Ind	47⅝	46⅝
Procter Gamble	68½	67⅛
Pub Ser El & Gas	30⅜	30⅛
Raytheon	50½	50⅞
RCA Corp	49½	47⅝
Reynolds Ind	28½	28⅝
Reynolds Metal	34⅜	34½
Rockwell Int	38½	36½
Royal Dutch	60½	62½
Safeways	35⅞	35⅝
Sara Lee	48½	48
SFE Sopac	35½	35⅝
SCM	72⅝	72⅝
Schlumberger	33½	35⅛
Scott Paper	47⅝	46⅝
Seagram	45½	45
Sears Roebuck	39½	39⅝
Shell Trans	37½	38⅛
Singer	42½	42¼
Smithkline Beck	77	75⅞
Sony	19½	19½
Std Cal Edison	28½	28
Sperry Corp	50⅝	50⅝
Std Oil Ohio	50⅝	51⅞
Sterling Drug	37	39½
Stevens J. P.	28½	29½
Sun Comp	48⅛	49½
Teledyne	295	289⅝
Tennaco	40½	40½
Texaco	30½	31½
Texas East Corp	32⅝	33½
Texas Inst	107	105½
Texas Utilities	29½	29⅝
Textron	50½	50⅝
Travelers Corp	46½	46½
TRW Inc	83	82⅝
UAL Inc	51½	48½
Unilever NV	135⅝	136½
Union Carbide	68⅝	69
Un Pacific Corp	50½	50½
United Brands	23⅝	23½
US Steel	25½	26½
Utd Technol	43½	43⅝
Unocal	28½	28⅝
Wachovia	36	36
Warner Lambert	43½	43⅝
Wells Fargo	63½	63½
Westinghse Elec	44⅝	43⅝
Weyerhauser	31½	31⅛
Whirlpool	48¼	47½
Woolworth	55½	56⅝
Xerox Corp	58⅝	55⅝
Zenith	18⅝	18

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	17½	17½
Alcan Alumin	39¼	37½
Algoma Steel	20½	20½
Bell Telephone	41½	41½
Can Pacific	17¾	17½
Cominco	11½	11¼
Cons Bathurst	18	18
Gulf Oil	20½	20½
Hawker/Sid Can	22	21⅞
Hudson Bay Min	6⅝	6⅝
Imasco	25⅞	25½
Imperial Oil	53	55
Int Pipe	43⅝	44⅝
Mass.-Fergsn	3.05	3.10
Royal Trustco	22½	22⅝
Seagram	63⅝	62⅝
Steel Co	23½	23½
Thomson N 'A'	22⅝	23½
Walker Hiram	33½	33⅜
WCT	17⅝	17⅝

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. b Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Dow inches to 1500

New York, (Agencies) – Wall Street market was higher in early trading yesterday, with observers watching the Dow Jones industrial average to see if it would close above the 1500 level for the first time.

The Dow was up two points to 1499. Advancing issues led declines by a six to five margin on turnover of 15.82 million shares.

IBM led the active issues, down ⅛ to 144½.

Mobil was down ⅜ to 29½ and Chevron ½ to 35⅞.

The oil shares fell on the prospects of lower oil prices, although that development helped the stock market as a whole.

Progress on the Gramm-Rudman amendment to balance the federal budget was encouraging buying, analysts said.

● A lower federal funds rate helped the credit markets improve. Funds, which averaged 8.02 per cent on Monday, opened at 7⅞ per cent.

Analysts said the Federal Reserve Board may again add temporary reserves, as it did on Monday, with funds at 8 per cent, but will probably will refrain from intervention.

Rates on three, six and 12-month bills fell one, two and three basis points, respectively, to reach 7.19/17 per cent, 7.24/22 per cent and 7.25/23 per cent.

COMMODITIES

Currencies set the tone again. Metals showed some movement, largely because of the pound's weakness. Aluminium was cheered by 83,000-tonne fall in stocks.

Zinc was quieter after a recent strong performance. Market rumours said the European producer price would be raised.

Softs were dominated by coffee and cocoa. Oil was disappointing in the light of the decision of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joyson and Co report

RUBBER
All months unquoted.

SUGAR
(Raw)
(No 6 at 4.40pm)
Mar 185.4–85.0
May 169.2–69.0
Aug 174.0–73.0
Oct 178.0–77.6
Dec unquoted
Marunquoted

SUGAR
(White)
All months unquoted.

COCOA
Dec 1694–90
Mar 1737–39
May 1750–49
July 1763–60
Sep 1771–69
Dec 1775–74
Mar 1790–85
Vol 3,428

COFFEE
Jan 2025–22
Mar 2078–75
May 2124–20
Jul 2171–70
Sep 2215–12
Nov 2250–45
Jan 2290–40
Vol 428/6847

SOYABEAN
Dec unquoted.
Feb 128.3–28.6
Apr 128.7–28.6
Jun 123.8–23.5
Aug 122.2–21.8
Oct 122.9–22.3
Dec 124.0–23.0
Vol 384

GAS OIL
Dec unquoted.
Jan 227.00–226.75
Feb 225.00–224.75
Mar 218.50–218.00
Apr 208.50–208.75
May 203.50–203.00
Jne 203.75–203.25
Jly 203.00–201.00
Aug 201.50–200.50
Vol 6436

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 964.00–964.50
Three months 963.00–963.50
Vol 20000
Tone ..... Firm

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 951.00–954.00
Three months 968.00–970.00
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

TIN STANDARD
Cash 8770.00–8780.00
Three months 8710.00–8711.00
Vol 880
Tone ..... firmer

TIN SUSPENDED

LEAD
Cash 267.50–268.50
Three months 276.00–276.50
Vol 4125
Tone ..... Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 450.00–452.00
Three months
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 457.00–457.50
Three months 463.00–464.00
Vol 5025
Tone ..... Steady

SILVER LARGE
Cash 400.0–401.0
Three months 411.0–412.0
Vol 49
Tone ..... Steady

SILVER SMALL
Cash 400.0–401.0
Three months 411.0–412.0
Vol ..... Nil
Tone ..... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 709.00–710.00
Three months 734.00–734.50
Vol 30050
Tone ..... Firm

NICKEL
Cash 2788–2790
Three months 2895–2845
Vol 732
Tone ..... Firm

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 10
GB: Cattle, 101.10p per kg lw (+5.39).
GB: Sheep, 156.26p per kg est d c w (+7.95).
GB: Pigs, 80.18p per kg lw (–0.13).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 17.8 per cent, ave. price, 100.76p (+6.16).
Sheep nos. down 2.4 per cent, ave. price, 159.36p (+8.15).
Pig nos. down 8.3 per cent, ave. price, 78.86p (–0.31).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 1.7 per cent, ave. price, 101.94p (+2.81).
Sheep nos. down 0.9 per cent, ave. price, 154.99p (+7.17).
Pig nos. up 29.9 per cent, ave. price, 83.22p (+1.36).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£112.95	£110.50
Mar	£115.90	£113.45
May	£118.70	£116.45
Jly	£120.85	–
Sep	£98.90	£98.45
Nov	£101.80	£101.50
Volume:		
Wheat		308
Barley		75

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	93.0	93.0
Feb	94.0	94.0
Mar	Unq.	Unq.
Apr	92.0	92.0
May	93.0	93.0
Jun	96.0	96.0
Jul	90.0	90.0
Aug	85.0	85.0
Sep	90.0	90.0
Oct	95.0	95.0
Nov	Unq.	Unq.
		Vol. Nil

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.0	102.0
Apr	103.2	103.2
Jun	100.3	100.3
Aug	98.0	98.9
Oct	104.2	104.0
Nov	105.4	105.2
		Vol. Nil

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	81.40	82.4
Apr	90.80	91.4
May	96.30	98.7
Nov	73.50	73.6
Feb	85.00	85.0
		Vol.301

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$125 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan	886.0–884.5	885.0
Apr	936.0–936.0	936.0
Jly	–	822.5
Oct	914.0–914.0	920.0
Jan	–	920.0
Apr	–	954.5
Jly	–	975.0
Oct	–	975.0

Spot: 917.5
Vol.: 58 lots.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Period rates continued to firm, under the influence both of the falling pound and some worse than expected money supply figures for banking November – a rise in sterling M3 of 2 per cent, against forecasts ranging between 1 per cent and 1.5

The overnight rate opened at 11⅝–½ per cent and stayed there all morning, dipping during lunch to close around 9-7 per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11⅞
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11⅞ Low 6
Week fixed: 11½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 months 11⅝	2 months 11¼
3 months 11⅝	3 months 11⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝–11⅝ 2 months 11⅝–11¼
3 months 11⅞–11⅝ 6 months 11–10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11⅝ 2 months 11⅝
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⅜

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11⅜–11¼ close 9-7
1 week 11⅜–11½ 6 months 11⅛–11⅛
1 month 11⅜–11⅜ 9 months 11⅛–11⅛
3 months 11⅛–11⅛ 12 months 11⅜–11½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11½
1 month 11⅛ 3 months 11⅛
6 months 11⅛ 12 months 11¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛–11½ 2 months 12–11½
3 months 12–11⅝ 6 months 11⅞–11⅝
9 months 11⅞–11⅝ 12 months 11⅝–11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝–11½ 3 months 11⅝–11⅜
6 months 11⅝–11½ 12 months 11⅝–11⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.10–8.05 3 months 8.05–8.00
6 months 8.05–8.00 12 months 8.15–8.05

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call	8⅝–7⅝	
7 days	8⅝–7⅛	1 month	8⅝–8⅛
3 months	8⅛–8	6 months	8⅛–8
Deutschmark	call	5–4	
7 days	4¾–4⅝	1 month	4⅞–4¾
3 months	4⅞–4¾	6 months	4⅞–4¾
French Franc	call	9–8	
7 days	9⅛–8⅞	1 month	11⅛–11
3 months	12⅛–11⅞	6 months	12⅝–12⅜
Swiss Franc	call	2⅞–1½	
7 days	2–1¾	1 month	4⅛–4⅛
3 months	4⅛–4	6 months	4⅝–4⅛
Yen	call	6–5	
7 days	6⅝–6⅛	1 month	8⅞–8⅝
3 months	8–7¾	6 months	7⅞–7⅝

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$318.50-321.00 (£222.25-223.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$77.50-78.50 (£53.75-54.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 6 November 1985 to 3 December, 1985, inclusive: 11.612 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling came under heavy selling pressure on foreign exchange markets yesterday.

Lower crude oil prices prompted overnight selling on Far Eastern markets and this was continued when London trading opened.

In busy early trading a fall of 2 cents was seen in sterling and this was gradually extended throughout the session with the rate dipping to $1.4290 before some short covering at the close lifted the pound off the bottom.

Sterling finally finished 2.55 cents down at 1.4370, while its trade weighted index took a tumble to 78.9 from 80.3 at Monday's final calculation.

There were sharp falls too, against leading continental currencies. The mark, for instance, gained 5.56 pfennings at 3.6470.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 10	Market rates close December 10	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4310-1.4470	$1.4365-1.4375	0.45-0.43c prem	1.20-1.20c prem
Montreal	$2.0080-2.0187	$2.0095-2.0117	0.48-0.37c prem	1.21-1.08c prem
Amsterdam	4.0943-4.1338fl	4.1048-4.1088fl	2¾-1¾c prem	6-5⅝c prem
Brussels	74.24-74.46fr	74.24-74.37fr	24-18c prem	64-54c prem
Copenhagen	13.7914-13.9630k	13.8094-13.8198k	3-2¾ore prem	8¼-7¼ore prem
Dublin	1.1786-1.1884p	1.1808-1.1816p	27-14p prem	58-38p prem
Frankfurt	3.6381-3.6711m	3.6444-3.6491m	2¾-2pf prem	6¾-6pf prem
Lisbon	229.12-234.16e	229.28-233.78e	145-140e disc	450-1250e disc
Madrid	225.30-226.28p	225.28-225.58p	60-130p disc	235-300p disc
Milan	2474.90-2483.80lr	2478.32-2484.85lr	1-¼lire disc	1¼-2¼lire disc
Oslo	11.0472-11.0971k	11.0472-11.0548k	1¼-¾ore prem	1¾-½ore prem
Paris	11.0980-11.1850f	11.1277-11.1428f	1¾-¼cre disc	1¼-2¼cre disc
Stockholm	11.0940-11.1348k	11.0989-11.1167k	1-¼ore prem	2¼-2¾ore prem
Tokyo	291.55-293.35y	291.95-292.30y	½-1½gro prem	3¾-2¾gro prem
Vienna	25.84-25.75sch	25.84-25.88sch	1¼-½gro prem	5¾-5¼c prem
Zurich	3.0344-3.0666f	3.0450-3.0492f	2¾-1¾c prem	5¾-5¼c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 1.4 at 78.9 (day's range 78.9-78.4).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1472–1.1485
Australia dollar	2.1095–2.1142
Bahrain dinar	0.5415–0.5455
Brazil cruzeiro	13845.00–13927.00
Cyprus pound	0.7850–0.7960
Finland markka	7.9935–7.9955
Greece drachma	216.80–218.60
Hong Kong dollar	11.1840–11.1960
India rupee	17.40–17.60
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4176–0.4218
Malaysia dollar	3.4736–3.4825
Mexico peso	2936.00–2956.00
New Zealand dollar	2.5362–2.5471
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2450–5.2680
Singapore dollar	3.0472–3.0509
South Africa rand	3.8366–3.8601
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.2750–5.3150

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2140-1.2155
Singapore	2.1265-2.1275
Malaysia	2.4275-2.4285
Australia	0.6783-0.6793
Canada	1.3965-1.3975
Sweden	7.7100-7.7160
Norway	7.6825-7.6875
Denmark	9.1825-9.1875
West Germany	2.5365-2.5395
Switzerland	2.1170-2.1185
Netherlands	2.8585-2.8600
France	7.7475-7.7525
Japan	203.50-203.60
Italy	1724.5-1726.5
Belgium(Comm)	51.85-51.70
Hong Kong	7.8050-7.8070
Portugal	159.0-160.0
Spain	156.70-156.80
Austria	17.84-17.86

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.25	88.27	88.12	88.17	401
Mar 86	88.77	88.78	88.45	88.57	4383
Jun 86	89.20	89.21	88.89	88.97	229
Sep 86	89.21	89.21	89.12	89.15	5
Previous day's total open interest 7554					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.91	91.94	91.87	91.90	319
Mar 86	92.01	92.10	92.00	92.06	3607
Jun 86	91.86	91.95	91.86	91.91	1032
Sep 86	91.61	91.69	91.59	91.63	192
Dec 86	91.30	91.38	91.30	91.34	25
Mar 87	91.01	91.01	91.01	91.06	14
Previous day's total open interest 21362					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	82-30	83-10	82-23	83-06	405
Mar 86	81-22	82-06	81-17	82-01	4583
Jun 86	NT.			80-29	0
Previous day's total open interest 2993					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	96-45	96-47	96-45	96-39	100
Mar 86	96-02	96-03	96-00	96-03	345
Previous day's total open interest 839					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	111-02	111-02	110-31	110-17	130
Mar 86	111-02	111-06	110-06	110-24	4809
Previous day's total open interest 5276					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	139.80	140.20	138.85	139.90	418
Mar 88	140.50	141.50	140.40	141.35	104
Previous day's total open interest 2722					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
101	87	Alliss	97	..	2.6	2.5
685	588	Alliance	665	+2	2.8	4.6
159	134	Amer Trust	154	+1	4.3	2.2
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	279	..	5.1	2.8
162	123	Ashdown	146	-1	4.2p	2.5
103	88	Atlantic Assets	102	+1	0.8	0.7
102	85	Baillie Gif	98.5	..	3.37	..
194	152	Barry	161	-2	1.5	0.9
182	152	Border & Sthn	180	..	5.7	2.9
221	180	Br Assets	215	+1	10.6	5.1
33½	25	Br Empire Sec	32	..	1.7	2.2
374	312	British Inv	368	+1	20.3p	5.7
83	64	Brunner	79	-1	3.1p	4.0
82	69	Charter Agency	80	..	3.2p	5.0
585	525	Consolidated	553	-2	30.0p	5.5
176	118	Crescent Japan	145	+5	1.1	0.8
115	97	Derby Inv	112	..	18.9	9.7
187	95	Do Cap	117	..	..	..
338	264	Drayton Cons	318	..	14.3	4.5
148	112	Drayton Far East	143	+1	3.1	2.2
427	346	Drayton Japan	416	+4	3.6p	0.9
552	353	Drayton Premier	538	-1	20.7p	4.1
169	150	Dundee Ltn	162	..	7.7	4.8
118	99	Edin Amer Asset	101	..	0.6	0.6
132	103	Edinburgh	118	..	4.6p	3.9
302	254	Electra Sec	292	-2	5.1	1.8
140	115	English Int	138	..	5.0	2.5
79	65	English Scot	78	..	1.9	2.4
111	91	English NY	107	..	3.5	2.2
97	78	F & C Alliance	96	..	2.4	2.7
165	122	F&C Pacific	149	..	1.8p	1.3
245	186	Fenchr	240	..	11.3p	4.7
292	242	First Scot Amer	290	+1	12.9p	4.4
185	88	First Un Gen	85	..	5.7p	6.2
550	415	Fleming American	473	+10	7.5	1.5
309	222	Fleming Claver	297	..	6.3	2.1
233	183	Fleming Enterprise	226	..	12.1	4.1
109	78	Fleming Far East	94	+1	1.5	1.5
113	109	Fleming Fledgling	111	..	3.6	3.2
2992	406	Fleming Japan	2727	..	2.7	0.1
132	105	Fleming Mercantile	127	+1	4.3	3.4
134	100	Fleming Overseas	112	+3	3.5	3.5
163	129	Fleming Tech	137	..	3.5	2.4
1634	1250	Fleming Universal	1570	+5	7.1p	2.9
74	59	For Col	67	..	2.9p	3.0
121	91	GBC Capital	91	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	181	..	2.9	1.6
236	187	General Funds	229	..	2.7	2.0
286	230	General Cons	285	..	14.3p	5.0
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	125	..	2.9p	2.5
308	251	Globe	295	..	14.5	4.9

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div Yld %	P/E
278	228	Greenfriar	268	..	2.3	19
278	233	Greenfriar House	268	..	2.3	2.5
177	139	Hambros	166	..	5.1	3.7
203	226	Hill (P)	273	+1	13.8	5.1
540	448	Investors Success	535	..	7.5	1.5
264	208	Inv Cap	235	..	5.0p	2.2
41½	31	Lake Assets	40½	..	1.9	4.7
191½	127	Lake View	141	+1	3.3p	2.4
192	162	Law Debenture	180	..	8.8p	4.5
88	66	Lon Merchant Sec	78	..	3.1	4.5
98	68	Lon Trust	91	..	5.1	5.6
157	98	Marshalls	104	..	5.4p	5.2
174	133	Monks	157	+2	3.4p	2.2
158	108	Murray Income	152	+1	7.7p	5.1
117	86	Murray Growth	114	+1	2.1	1.9
143	112	Murray Intl	133	..	6.4	4.8
216	183	Murray Scott	211	+1	3.7p	1.8
553	393	Murray Venture	535	..	9.5	1.8
409	354	New Darien	385	-1	20.4	5.3
77	61	New Darien Cl	75	..	3.5	5.7
178	159	1929	175	..	8.7	5.0
54	50	Nthrng Inv 85	52½	..	4.2p	8.0
243	157	Nth Tokyo	178	+5	1.4p	0.8
224	208	Nth Atlantic Sec	221	..	4.9	2.2
183	76½	Nth Sea Assets	80	..	3.7	4.6
222	177	Nthn Amer	208	+2	7.7	3.7
148	125	Outwich	147	..	4.4	3.0
101	62	Pacific Assets	63	..	..	..
43	35	Do Wrnts	38	..	..	..
263	202	Personal Assets	258	..	4.5	1.7
363	282	Raeburn	357	..	14.1p	3.9
147	125	River & Merc	146	..	7.3p

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TEMPUS

Bid prospects lift Vaux but Greenall goes flat

What a difference a bid makes. Be it real or imagined a potential predator can have a magical effect on trading and share price performance.

Take yesterday's preliminary figures from Greenall Whitley and Vaux Group. Both brewers are based in the depressed north, both are pushing their hotel interests. The bid-proof Greenall produced distinctly disappointing figures; its shares are standing on a prospective multiple of eight. Baux, in contrast, unveiled excellent results and has a prospective multiple of 12.

The Greenall management may not have grown complacent because of its security, but a 3.8 per cent increase in trading profits to £27.4 million is *not* inspiring. Vaux has pushed up its trading profit to £15.7 million from £13.2 million.

The comparison is not strictly fair since Vaux strikes its trading profit before finance charges. As these were barely changed in the year this is immaterial. Comparisons at any other level would be even more misleading since Greenall has adopted some rather unusual methods of presenting its results.

It has excluded from trading results losses incurred by Arrowsmith Holidays, which has now been disposed of. Even less acceptable is the decision to take as income above the line the insurance proceeds from the capital element of a fire at one of the group's US hotels.

The trading part of the insurance proceeds are included as part of Greenall's operating profit. Whenever a company resorts to such tactics it is a clear indication that the year has not been as good as it might have been.

Accounting aside, Vaux still looks a more confident business. It held its beer volumes steady in the year while Greenall reported a decline which was worse than the industry average. Both companies still have ground to make up in lager sales but it is Vaux which gives the impression that it will do so at a faster rate.

Looking to this year, both companies will be pressing ahead with ambitious capital investment programmes as they develop their retail outlets. Once again though it is Vaux which seems to have more flexibility given that its gearing is more modest.

Despite the different trading performances both companies saw their share price fall yesterday, with Greenall down 5p at 169p and Vaux down 6p at 370p. While Greenall deserves its low rating, the Vaux price is held aloft more by the prospects of Ladbroke's making a bid than its own earnings prospects.

Int Leisure Group (Intasun)

The ebullient Mr Harry Goodman left a few surplus pounds behind after a mini break at a health farm but, judging from yesterday's performance, none of his boundless confidence in the future of International Leisure Group (Intasun). Fierce price wars are likely to cloud the City's view of holiday companies for some time, but he did his best to lift the gloom.

The half year just ended was, plagued by discounting and a 10 per cent fall in the overall market – a legacy mainly of the miners' strike. International Leisure has produced profits before tax of £29.4 million compared with £16.4 million: a £14.6 million profit from the sale of three aircraft more than accounts for the improvement. Loss-making is customary in the second half of the year. It will be worse this time because of the cost of new projects, including entry to the German holiday market.

With his eyes raised to next summer, Mr Goodman, who has resisted the temptation to match Thomson's cost-cutting promotions says prospects have never been better. The poor British summer has boosted bookings to 400,000. This is three times bigger than at the same time last year.

The shortage of aircraft seats is likely to freeze out discounting by smaller competitors, and should enable Mr Goodman to hold his prices. The strength of the pound against the peseta and the drachma, and a contribution from the move into hotels and self-catering apartments, should help to sustain Mr Goodman's confidence. The shares, 1p down at 103p, reflect a much more cautious attitude.

Meyer International

Adelaide Steamship could soon regret its decision to take profits on its investment in Meyer International. Adelaide has cut its shareholding from just under 5 per cent to less than 1 per cent, but Meyer International's profits are about to rise sharply.

The six months to September probably saw the bottom of the timber cycle. Profits fell from £16.1 million to £13.2 million, mainly because of the low level of housebuilding and the effect of exchange rate movements on the value of Meyer's imported timber stocks.

The company says the second half should be better and to reinforce its point it has increased the interim dividend slightly. Though private sector house completions are still running behind last year's, starts have picked up, pointing to better times ahead. And the likely boom in construction spending ahead of the election should ensure continued growth in the next two years or so.

For the full year a profit of £27 million looks in sight, suggesting a multiple of nine times earnings with the shares at 177p. With an about average yield and good support from assets this rating looks modest enough, but once prospects two years out are taken into account it looks positively cheap. By 1987 profits could be £10 million higher.

They acquisition of Powell Duffryn's timber business should help in this growth, but for the moment it is doing little more than covering the interest charges on the £18.6 million purchase price. Despite this acquisition, borrowings rose only £10 million in the first half.

The short-term may be rosy, but long-term Meyer remains a volatile company. It has, however, cut off the worst troughs from its profits cycly and raised the peaks, thereby contributing to much improved quality of earnings.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Speculation on Pearson bank sale

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

There was still plenty of talk of big deals in the stock market yesterday, with several well known companies spotlighted as being on the edge of significant announcements.

Pearson, the publishing to china group, was back in the full glare of City interest, its share price jumping 17p higher to 428p. After weeks of speculation that the company has a multi-million pound deal on hand, market men finally heard exactly what it could be.

Pearson is now widely expected to sell off its stake in the Lazard merchant banking chain, for more than £200 million. Pearson has a 50 per cent interest in the London based Lazard Brothers operation and an effective one third of the Paris and New York offshoots.

The industrial conglomerate, which includes the Financial Times and Penguin Books publishing businesses, is reckoned to be unwilling to add to its financial involvement in the bank and be ready to sell for the right price.

Alongside these stories about Pearson, there was also rumour that Mr Saul Steinberg, the American investor, has been chasing a stake in the group. Mr Steinberg recently took 10 per cent of Mercury Securities, the financial group which incorporates S G Warburg, and the City appears to think he is willing to buy shares in any company with strong banking and broking connections.

United Biscuits was another leading share whose price was chased higher yesterday. Though market men no longer expect the bid from Imperial Group to succeed – given the Hanson Trust takeover attack on Imperial, hopes were rising that other buyers are ready to move on UB.

Certainly the sudden jump in the UB price, from 237p to 256p in early trade, suggested a buyer of a sizeable stake of the shares. Talk around the Square Mile was of as many as 12 million or more UB shares being picked up.

But the sources of the buying were obscure. Some market men believed Hoare Govett, the broker, had done much of the trade, though dealers at the City firm denied the story, while others reckoned to have seen De Zoete & Bevan busy in the stock.

Confusion about with broker was primarily involved was mirrored by differing opinions on the actual buyer. Switzerland was named as the source of the buy orders, suggesting large-scale speculative activity, but market men also heard a much juicier tale.

PepsiCo, the US drinks group which has already been named as another bidder for Imperial Group, was believed to have put in a request for 3 per cent of UB shares in preparation for a full offer at 300p a share. However speculative the City stories sound, there was no doubting the strenght of the buying, even though by the end of the day the UB price had eased back to 251p.

After Pearson and PepsiCo there was more talk circulating about P & O Group. The Ocean Transport & Trading price jumped yet again, up 12p at one stage, as the market heard repetitions of the story that P & O is about to make a bid.

P & O has steadily increased its stake in OT&T this year, taking it to 13 per cent at the last count. Nevertheless, Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of P & O, has consistently dampened speculation about his company's intentions toward OT&T, often describing the stake as simply an "investment".

City men believe, however, that P & O needs a big acquisition to continue its growth pattern, and OT&T certainly looks attractive. By the close of business yesterday the OT&T share price showed a net gain of 9p at 198p.

There was also action in Trafalgar House shares, the shipping to property group which last year backed away from a battle to buy P & O. James Capel, the broker, put through the market 1.7 million Trafalgar shares at 343p. The Trafalgar price dipped just 2p to 350p in response.

Equities struggled to advance despite worries about the oil price "war" and a highly confusing set of money supply figures.

At the close the *FT* 30 share index was up just 0.3 points at 1,115.7 points. The *FT-SE* share index, at one time 3.3 points higher, closed with a 2.8 points fall a 1,389.4 points.

The *FT* 30 share index was helped by a strong performance by Imperial Chemical Industries which, like other groups with large overseas earnings, strengthened on the back of the weak pound and rose 17p to 734p. Glaxo, another index constituent, improved 30p to 1,580p, following an investment seminar.

Stores took a pounding as the oil price flare up threatened the Chancellor's signalled tax cuts. Dixons Group fell 37p to 887p; Boots 13p to 250p; Burton Group 19p to 531p; Great Universal Stores "A" 20p to 859p; Marks and Spencer 7p to 173p and Woolworths Holdings 18p to 528p. British Home Stores lost 18p to 392p. Mail order shares were weak.

Cable & Wirless, with applications lists opening and closing today, eased 3p to 590p.

Government stocks at one time suffered falls of up to £¾. By the close losses were trimmed to £⅝.

Britannia Arrow Holdings eased 1p to 147p as Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, picked up more shares. He now has 5.12 per cent. The company is resisting a bid from the Guinness Peat merchanting banking group.

Laura Ashley ran into profit taking, falling 9p to 183p. Newcomer Merivale Moore, a property group, made a bright start. Placed at 115p the shares hit 126p.

Bett Brothers, a Dundee-based building group, climbed 10p to an 87p peak. Mr Iain Bett, chairman, said an "unsolicited" take over approach had been received but talks had been terminated.

EBC Group, formerly the Exeter Building and Construction Group, rose 20p to 165p as Kent Holdings, the vehicle of Mr Michael Kent, lifted its holding from 10¼ per cent to 15¼ per cent. Kent made an unsuccessful tender offer for EBC shares in June.

Compensation hopes again influenced Vickers, up 10p to 300p.

USM dealings are due to start on Tuesday in the shares of Chancery Securities, a banking group. Paul E. Schweder, Miller & Co, the broker, is placing shares at 63p. With profits for the year to March forecast at £1.1 million, the shares are on 9.75 times earnings.

Action continued yesterday in the shares of British Benzol Carbonising, the coke producer. Market men heard that nearly 5 per cent of the company had changed hands on Monday and the share price jumped back to 50p, up 8p on the day. Results will be announced next Tuesday and news of changes at the company is also expected.

Berkeley Group, the house-builder, is to graduate from the USM to full listing on the back of first-half profits up from £906,000 to £1,668,000. The shares jumped from 268p to 283p. Profits for the year should be close to £3.5 million against £2.2 million. Berkeley is on the acquisition trail and may be tempted by an aset-rich, small commercial property company rather than a housebuilder.

Traded option highlights

For those investors with strong views as to the future direction of the Cable & Wireless share price, traded options in C & W get underway on Friday. That looks like good timing by the Stock Exchange, given the current share sale in C & W.

Meanwhile, volume on the LTO yesterday dipped from recent high levels, the number of contracts traded reaching 15,285. A handful of options accounted for a large stake of the business, with Imperial seeing 1,859 contracts traded, BT 1,790, BATs 1,247 and the stock exchange index option 1,887 contracts.

There was higher than usual activity in the currency options, with the dollar/sterling version totalling 883 contracts traded and the dollar/deutschemark seeing 500 December calls traded in just one deal. There were few significant price changes.

COMPANY NEWS

● **NORCORS:** Results for the half-year to September 30 include an interim dividend of 2.8p (2.6p), payable on February 10. With figures in £000, total turnover was 303,910 (179,871), group operating profit 20,111 (13,955) and pretax profit 18,550 (14,102). Earnings per share were 8.56p (7.89p).

● **PYKE (HOLDINGS):** Results for the year to September 30 inlcude a second interim dividend in lieu of the final dividend of 3.5p making 6p (5p). With figures in £000, turnover was up to 49,572 (34,913), pretax profit to 1,710 (1,164) and earnings per share before an extraordinary item to 21.8p (16.6p).

● **ROXBY DOWNS:** The initial phase of the Roxby Downs gold-uranium-copper project in Southern Australia will proceed after joint venture participant, BP Australia, announced its commitment to the project on the weekend.

● **GREAT WESTERN RESOURCES:** Board intends seeking a facility for the company's shares to be dealt in on the parallel market of the Amsterdam Stock Exchange by way of an introduction of its existing shares.

● **ROYEX GOLD CORPORATION:** Royex plans to take a stake in the new important Canadian gold discovery area at La Ronge, Northern Saskatchewan.

● **GREENWICH CABLE COMMUNICATIONS:** The company has formed a consortium company with the Entertainment Corporation, which is to be named Entertainment Corporation Concerts and Arts. The principal objective is to promote the 1986 tour of the Bolshoi Ballet in Britain and Eire. Greenwich holds 50 per cent of the equity of the consortium company.

● **ARMITAGE & RHODES:** An interim dividend of 1p, payable on January 10, is announced. Group sales for the six months to September 30 were £5,702,000 (£4,469,000) and profit before tax £78,000 (£65,000).

● **TOWLES:** Half-year results to August 31 (figures in £000) show trunover at 5,486 (5,513), pretax loss at 33 (loss 354), and loss per share at 8.04 (loss 7.58).

● **WAREHOUSE GROUP:** Results for the Half-year to September 30 (figures in £000) show turnover up to 4,502 (3,186), operating profit to 227 (171), pretax profit to 181 (154) and earnings per share basic to 15.0p (12.1p) and fully diluted to 14.1p (11.6p).

● **McCARTHY AND STONE:** A final dividend of 2.05p making 2.72p (2.175p adjusted for the year to August 31, payable on Feburary 28 has been declared. With figures in £000, turnover was 17,889 (18,096), trading profit 886 (1,459), and pretax profit 406 (1,036). Earnings per share were down to 11. 3p (33.6p).

● **H MORLEY GROUP:** For the half-year to September 30, turnover was £2,237,026 (£1,811,881), while the pretax profit was £80,172 (£72,450). Earnings per share were 1.55p (1.79p).

● **F AND C ALLIANCE INVESTMENT:** Results for the half year to October 31, with figures in £000: franked income 480 (437); interest payable 267 (207) and tax 240 (224). Earnings per share were 1.09p (0.55p) is announces.

● **SYLTONE:** An interim dividend of 3.6p (same) has been announced for the half-year to September 30. With figures in £000, turnover rose to 10,205 (8,909), trading profit to 820 (629), profit before tax to 635 (469) and earnings per share to 13.14p (7.10p).

● **COMBINED TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION:** With figures in £000, results for the six months to September 30 show turnover at 86,825 (78,835) loss on ordinary activities before tax and minority interest at 2,982 (4,381). Loss per share was 2.9p (0.6p).

● **FAIRBRIAR:** The company has declared a special interim dividend of 0.75p, payable on February 24, for the six months to September 30. With figures in £000 (comparable figures refer to the residential development business formerly carried on by the Starwest Investment Holdings group), turnover was up to 3,678 (3,169), profit before tax to 1,216 (795) and earnings per share to 4.37p (2.62p).

● **T. T. Finance:** The wholly-owned subbsidiary of Throgmorton Trust, T. T. Finance, has announced the placiang of £15 million nominal of guaranteed debenture stock 2018 payable as to £40 per £100 on acceptance and the balance by February 28 next.

● **PETBOW HOLDINGS:** Listing was restored yesterday. Agreement has been reached on the terms of recommended offers to be made by Anglo Nordic for all the issued ordinary and preference shares of Petbow. Anglo Nordic does not hold any ordinary or preference shares in Petbow.

● **Burns-Anderson:** A final dividend of 1.45p making 2p (2.42p) for the year to Septembber 30 has been declared. Turnover rose to £37.42 million (£28.031 million), pretaxa profit to £939,651 (£668,420) and tax to £304,484 (£143,318). Earnings per share were 5.2p (4.4p).

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Plea to Walker in coal deadlock

Opencast coal companies will ask Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, today to break the deadlock between themselves and the NCB over the size of developments they are allowed to work. The companies want to increase the 50,000-tonne limit.

● **IMPERIAL CONTINENTAL GAS:** Half-year results to September 30 (figures in £000) include an interim dividend of 6.25p (5.25p) to reduce disparity. Turnover was 238,819 (264,495), trading profit (after depreciation) 17,258 (15,193), income from related companies and general investments 5,203 (4,048), and profit before tax 17,329 (11,978).

Coffee quotas 'will rise'

By Michael Prest

Sharply rising coffee prices, caused by the Brazilian drought, will force the International Coffee Organisation to raise its exports quotas this week, and probably to increase them to the maximum permitted under the International Coffee Agreement next week, organization sources said yesterday.

An increase of 1 million bags (a bag is 60 kilogrammes) will be authorized tomorrow. If the 15-day moving average of prices is above 150.08 cents a pound next week, a further 3 million bags will be released.

Should prices remain above that level for another 45 working days, all quotas will be suspended and the free market price will prevail.

The latest estimates from the Brazilian coffee growing areas put the 1986-7 crop at between 13 million and 16 million bags, half the previous year's crop. London traders said that they believe the Brazilian Coffee Institute figures, expected within the next few days, to be at the lower end of the range.

Coffee prices marked time in London yesterday at around £2,100 a tonne.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Abbott Mead Vickers 5p Ord (180)	201
Ashley (Laura) 5p Ord (135)	163–10
Chart Fenkes Lynch 5p Ord (86a)	87
Cheshire Wholefoods 5p Ord	125–1
China & Eastn Inv $0.05 (71p)	67
Cont Assets Tst 75p Ord Fully Pd	49
Cranswick Mill 10p Ord (95a)	100
Crusta 5p Ord (74a)	82+1
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	163–3
Dialase 25p Ord (128a)	133
Fairbriar 10p Ord (130)	114
Germans Sec Inv £1 Ord (100) 50p Pd	49
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	65+1
Inoco 10p Ord (55)	50
J S Pathology 10p Ord (160a)	230–1
Millward Brown 10p Ord (160a)	165
Monks & Crane 10p Ord (a)	78–2
SPP 10p Ord (125)	142
Snowden & Bridge 10p Ord (97a)	104
Sterling Publishing 5p Ord (57a)	68–2
Strata Inv (100)	98
Technical Component 25p Ord (130a)	200
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	189+2
W Yorks Ind Hosp 50 Ord (90a)	90
Rights issues	
Countryside Prop (270) Nil Pd	42 prem–1
Samuelson Grp (240) Nil Pd	30 prem+3
Wedgwood (187) Nil Pd	29 prem+2

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

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12,099,965	Issued and fully paid	3,024,991·25

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for admission of the whole of the issued share capital of The Berkeley Group plc, currently dealt in in the Unlisted Securities Market, to the Official List. It is expected that the ordinary shares will be admitted to the Official List on 13th December, 1985 and that dealings will commence on 16th December, 1985.

Listing particulars relating to the Company are available in the Extel Statistical Services and copies of such particulars are also available during normal business hours on any weekday (excluding Saturdays and public holidays) up to and including 24th December, 1985 from:—

County Bank Limited, 11 Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1BB

The Berkeley Group plc, 10b Church Street, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8DX

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and are also available from the Company Announcements Office, Quotations Department, PO Box 119, The Stock Exchange, London EC2P 2BT on 12th and 13th December, 1985.

11th December, 1985

The Scottish Metropolitan Property PLC

"Satisfactory Growth in Rental Income"

Main points from the Report for the year ended 15th August 1985 and the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. David Walton, CStJ JP LLD Hon FRCPS (Glasg.)

* Gross Rents Received up 13.9% to £8.73m.
* Total Dividend for year 4.0p net per share (3.75p)
* Group Internal Property Valuation in excess of £128m.
* Shareholders Funds at 15th August 1985 – £108.4m.
* Net Assets per Share at 15th August 1985 – 112p.
* Further Growth in Rental Income anticipated.

Stock Exchange House, 69 St. George's Place, Glasgow G2 1BE.

Meyer International

INTERIM RESULTS

	6 months to 30.9.85 £'000s	6 months to 30.9.84 £'000s	*Year to 31.3.85 £'000s
Turnover	278,528	284,052	548,824
Trading Profit	15,152	18,279	33,497
Profits on sales of tangible assets	236	325	1,533
	15,388	18,604	35,030
Net interest payable	2,173	2,545	4,792
	13,215	16,059	30,238
Share of results of related companies	6	18	84
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	13,221	16,077	30,322
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	4,750	6,836	10,622
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	8,471	9,241	19,700
Extraordinary items (net of taxation)	–	273	(145)
Profit attributable to the members of the holding company	8,471	9,514	19,555
Earnings per Ordinary share	8.79p	9.59p	20.44p
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Ordinary dividends – cost	1,880	1,735	5,061
Amount per Ordinary share	1.95p	1.80p	5.25p

*The figures for the year ended 31st March 1985 are an abridged statement from the Group's accounts at that date which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Auditors' report on those accounts was unqualified.

The Chairman, Mr Ronald Groves, comments:

As anticipated when presenting the Annual Report in July the level of activity in the construction industry has been lower than in 1984 and margins have been under pressure. Fluctuations in currency rates have been a factor in destabilising timber prices, adding to the difficulties. Conditions now appear to be more hopeful and stable and we are looking to better results in the second half year.

The acquisition from Powell Duffryn PLC of Powell Duffryn Timber Ltd. was announced in the Press in October. We are now engaged in assimilating the business into the Group and the Board is confident that it will prove a worthwhile investment.

Your Directors have increased the interim dividend to 1.95p. (1.80p). This will be paid on the 10th February 1986 to those members on the Register on the 10th January 1986.

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ICGas

Imperial Continental Gas Association

Interim Results show continuing profits growth

Group profit before tax higher by 45%, a strong performance by Calor making the major contribution to the increase.

Pre-tax profit from Oil Operations and income from Belgian gas interests also advanced.

Interest cost was reduced following the sale of CompAir.

Interim dividend raised to 6.25p (1984: 5.25p) reflecting the Board's policy of reducing the disparity between interim and final payments.

(All figures in £000's)	Half year to 30.9.85 (unaudited)	Half year to 30.9.84 (unaudited)	Year to 31.3.85 (audited)
Turnover			
Continuing operations	168,819	155,715	419,685
Discontinued operations	70,000	108,780	230,173
	238,819	264,495	649,858
Continuing operations			
Trading profit	17,258	15,193	69,624
Income from related companies and investments	5,203	4,048	22,713
Interest (net)	(4,932)	(8,268)	(15,096)
	17,529	10,973	77,241
Discontinued operations	(200)	1,005	2,808
Profit before tax	17,329	11,978	80,049
Tax	(8,195)	(3,037)	(29,361)
Profit after tax	9,134	8,941	50,688
Minority interests	(2,431)	(4,205)	(8,464)
Profit attributable	6,703	4,736	42,224

Interim accounts include no contribution from a major part of the Group's Belgian interests. Because of this factor and the influence of winter fuel consumption on overall performance, the half-year figures provide limited guidance to the outcome of the year. Discontinued operations comprise CompAir, sold in July 1985, and Transport Coulier (Belgium), sold in October 1984.

IC Gas is an energy business with three main areas of activity. The **Oil Operations** Group is active in exploration and production in the North Sea and also operates onshore in the United States. **Calor** distributes and sells liquefied petroleum gas and LPG appliances to householders and industrial customers throughout the British Isles. **Belgian Operations** relate mainly to interests in the private sector electricity and gas industries and to a significant investment in the Petrofina oil company.

Copies of the full Interim Statement are available from: Imperial Continental Gas Association, 14 Mayfield, Edinburgh EH9 1BS.

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Reagan threatens new trade curbs on Japan

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Relations between the United States and Japan have deteriorated sharply as negotiators for both governments meet in closed session in an attempt to resolve serious trade disputes before the year-end deadline set by President Reagan.

The United States, accusing Japan of reneging on earlier promises to open its markets, has compiled a list of more than 50 products it will restrict if the government of Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone fails to act on its pledge to buy more Western goods.

Mr David Mulford, Assistant US Treasury Secretary for International Affairs, issued an unusually harsh statement in Tokyo this week criticizing Japan for misreading the mood of America by adopting stalling tactics on trade-related issues.

He said yesterday: "I am sorry to say that in today's discussion I saw little effects of intensified efforts on promises to internationalize financial markets and to internationalize the yen".

At the same time, high-ranking Japanese officials, alarmed by the growing bitterness and threats of retaliation, have requested late-night meetings and sent personal appeals



Yasuhiro Nakasone: personal appeal to the President

to President Reagan, in an attempt to head off restrictive trade actions.

Mr Nakasone last week appealed personally to Mr Reagan to postpone retaliatory action until next year for Japan's refusal to allow increased sales of US shoes and leather goods. Citing political tensions at home, he said that *the action should be postponed* until after the Japanese diet adjourns later this month.

Mr Kazoo Wagasugi, the Vice Minister for international trade, startled US officials by asking for a meeting late one night last week to try to head off action by the Reagan Administration against the Japanese semiconductor industry.

In a phone call to Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade Representative, he asked for the session in a last ditch attempt to stop President Reagan ordering an investigation into charges that Japanese semiconductors are being dumped on American markets.

But Mr Yeutter, who had been wavering on whether to order an investigation, was apparently unconvinced by Mr Wagasugi, who offered no new proposals during a meeting the next morning. Subsequently, Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, announced that Mr Reagan had ordered the investigation to proceed.

Mr Mulford, who is pressing Japan to take action in other, *financially-related areas* after the dollar agreement reached by the group of Five nations in September, said the performance of the Nakasone government has been disappointing.

● The higher value of the yen has not yet made any significant impact on Japan's trade figures. The surplus with the United States in November was the second highest for the year.

£3m fish products plant for UK

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Growing demand for oriental-style food has attracted the first investment in Britain by a Japanese fish products company.

Kibun Group, a leading Tokyo food technology and processing company, which holds a supply appointment to the Japanese royal household, is investing £3 million in a factory at Motherwell foodpark, Lanarkshire.

The company expects to employ about 50 rising to 100 people within two years. Full-scale production is planned for the Middle of next year in what will be the first Japanese unit of its type in Europe.

The base of Kibun's products, which are frozen and sold to the retail and catering markets, is a fishbased mince called Surimi to which other ingredients and flavours are added to produce several hundred varieties of dishes. At first many of the ingredients will be brought from Japan but Kibun expects to develop sources from British fisheries.

COMPANY NEWS

● **LYSANDER PETROLEUM:** No dividend has been announced. Turnover was £15,648 for the six months to September 30 and the loss before tax was £86,208. Losses per share were 0.5p.

● **IMI:** The company has completed the sale of its metals, plastics and fastener stockholding subsidiary IMI Righton to Granges Aluminium, a subsidiary of AB Electrolux of Sweden.

● **FIRST CASTLE ELECTRONICS:** The nuclear division of Centronic has been awarded a contract by the General Electric Company of San Jose, California, for the supply of boric acid enriched in the boron 10 isotope for use in nuclear reactor safety system.

● **WESTERN MINING:** BP Australia and Western Mining have announced that BP has notified its commitment to the development of the Olympic dam project. Accordingly, the joint venturers (Roxby Mining Corporation, a subsidiary of Western Mining and BP Group) are now committed to the project. Work is expected to begin in the first half of next year.

● **ICI FIBRES:** The fibre manufacturing division of ICI, based in Harrogate, Yorkshire, is to form a new organization specifically to service the British textile industry. Known as ICI (UK) Fibres, it will be operational from January 1.

● **CHLORIDE GROUP:** For the half-year to September 30, with figures in £ million, turnover was 159.9 (192.5), while the pretax profit was nil (5.4). Losses per ordinary share were 5.0p (loss 1.5p). The dividend on the 7.5 per cent cumulative convertible preference shares payable on December 31 will be deferred. The arrears now amount to £4.5 milion (29.24p per share). The dividend on the 4.2 per cent preference stock for the six months to September 30 amounting to £1,302 will be paid on January 24.

● **ALFRED McALPINE:** Disposal of the company's 68.3 per cent interest in its South African subsidiary, Alfred McAlpine & Son, has been completed and the sterling proceeds amounting to £19.5 million received in Britain.

● **SPEAR & JACKSON:** The board of James Neill has written to Spear & Jackson shareholders giving its views on S and J's proposed acquisition. The chairman, Mr Hugh Neill, says that this manoeuvre in no way affects Neill's offers.

● **TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA:** For the year to September 30 with figures in Aus $000, turnover was 49,706 (39,536), while the pretax profit was 3,681, (2,820). Earnings per share were 20.7 cents (17.0 cents). A final dividend of 6.00 cents is being paid on February 25 making a total of 10.25 cents (9.50 cents).

● **WEST'S GROUP INTERNATIONAL:** For the half-year to September 29, with figures in £000, turnover was 24,238 (22,389), while the pretax profit was 284 (185). Earnings per share were 3.0p (1.5p). An interim dividend of 2.5p (same) is being paid on January 31.

APPOINTMENTS

Glaxo Holdings: Mr Paul Girolami has become chairman. He continues additionally as chief executive until February 1, when he will be succeeded by the deputy chief executive, Mr Bernard Taylor.

Barclays Bank: Mr Peter Ardron will become a vice-chairman of Barclays International on January 1.

Myson Group: Mr B. M. Rooney has joined the group board.

Common Brothers: Mr Derek Hall and Mr Ted Kalborg have become non-executive directors.

Coats Patons: Mr James McAdam has become chief executive in succession to Sir William Coates who continues as non-executive chairman. Mr Michael Bell has become deputy chief executive, Mr John Houston, finance director, Mr Nicholas Kuenssberg has joined the board as an executive director.

Mr William Thomson and Sir James Cleminson will be joining the board in a non-executive capacity.

Tate & Lyle: Mr J. Eric Wright is now on the board.

MIM: Mr Stephen Barber, Mr Malcolm Callaghan, Mr Bryan Keene, Mr Nigel Lester and Mr James Scrimgeour-Wedderburn have become directors.

BSR International: Mr Jack Haggarty has been made finance director.

Top companies urged to spend more on training

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

A campaign has started to persuade Britain's top 1,000 companies to spend more on training so as to match competitors in the United States and West Germany.

Letters to each of the company's chairmen have been sent by Mrs Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, as a result of a review of adult training by Coopers & Lybrand Associates for the Manpower Services Commission and the National Economic Development Office.

It is fair to say that the chairmen, reading between the lines, might see the legislative writing on the wall.

Whitehall has hinted that if the response is inadequate ministers would press for training to be placed in a legislative framework – a move likely to bring protests from employers.

The Coopers & Lybrand report called A Challenge to Complacency favours persuasion, in the short-term, rather than legislation or financial incentives.

The scale of the training divide between Britain and its competitors can be gauged by comparing training investment per employee with the US. There, £1,500 is spent on each worker, in Britain, the figure is £200.

Since most industrial training boards were disbanded in 1981, training is largely voluntary.

Coopers interviewed about 60 medium and large companies and found that most could not evaluate training.

The report says: "Furthermore, and despite the absence of comparative information, most thought that they were above average in their sector, although there is no reason to believe that our sample included a disproportionate number of above-average trainers. The implied complacency is disturbing."



Bryan Nicholson: letters sent to chairman

Managers, colleges, workers, unions and City analysts are accused of not taking company training into account and not pressing companies to invest more in training.

But Coopers say that what it found most worrying was the complacent attitude of managers who realized that Britain was under-trained, but thought they themselves were doing a good job.

The report adds: "This complacency was reinforced by a widespread ignorance among top management of how their company's performance in training compared with that of their competitors, even those in the UK, let alone overseas.

"Furthermore, a surprisingly high proportion of the senior executives we interviewed had only a limited knowledge of the scale of resources devoted to training within their own company."

An uphill task faces everyone concerned. Coopers concludes and it stresses the need for a complete change in company attitudes to establish a clear link between training activities and profitability.

Research into the respected West German training had found a correlation between high standards of training and education and economic performance.

The report, which was sent to ministers yesterday, proposes action within three themes: exhorting and encouring companies to invest in training; harnessing the interests of individuals to bring pressure on employers; and to improve the operation of the training market with companies more able to go to external providers of training.

Among the recommendations are the creation of an Individual Training Credit system based on an American experiment under which employers and workers pay equal amounts into a fund which is used to finance the individual's training.

An equivalent of a "Queen's award" for training would be another mechanism to encourage companies and they woud be asked to devote a section of their annual report to training activites.

Coopers also calls for the development of a clear structure of qualifications that would involve an overhaul of the present plethora of standards and certificates of training.

Some of the recommendations will be implemented immediately, but those that could involve public funds, such as possible tax incentives to companies and a study of college funding are likely to be drawn into the MSC's two-year investigation of the funding of industrial training.

SCAPA

Half-time highlights

★ Steady progress is being made in all sectors of the Group's activities
★ Half year results include earnings of United Wire Group for two months
★ Interim dividend 4.0p a share (3.7p) will be paid on 17th January 1986
★ Company has changed its accounting policy on exchange rates so that profits from overseas are now being translated to sterling using average rates.

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Consolidated Profit Statement – for Six months to 30th September 1985 (Unaudited)

	Half Year to 30 September 1985 £'000	30 September 1984 £'000	Year to 31 March 1985 £'000
Turnover by companies based in United Kingdom	26,110	19,540	42,997
North America	42,516	40,612	92,928
Other Countries	19,410	11,685	32,324
	88,036	71,837	168,249
Operating Profit			
United Kingdom	2,249	2,046	4,998
North America	10,027	9,678	22,365
Other Countries	2,263	1,606	4,207
	14,539	13,330	31,570
Profit before taxation	13,086	11,613	27,397
Profit after taxation	7,531	6,068	14,642
Dividends	1,627	1,208	3,638
Earnings per share	18.6p	18.1p	43.1p
Dividend per share	4.0p	3.7p	11.0p

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COMMODITIES REVIEW

France faces obstacles in futures centre battle

France has officially declared its intention to become an international, or at least European, centre for futures trading.

The centenary of futures broking in France was made the occasion for a conference on the weighty theme of "Les marchés à terme et le monde agricole en l'an 2000" ("Futures markets and agriculture in the year 2000").

Although the public face of the conference was the Bourse de Commerce, the Paris commodity exchange whose splendidly revamped premises were the scene of a huge reception, the co-sponsors were the Ministry of Agriculture and the bank Credit Agricole.

At the end, the Agriculture Minister, M Henri Nallet, was there to tell us that he had wanted to start a national debate on the merits and uses of futures markets.

It was, in fact, a quintessential French occasion. Hundreds of earnest faces sat in long rows in the Unesco building listening to well-prepared speeches that proceeded with ruthless Cartesian logic from first principles about markets and futures trading to considerations – no less lofty in the French mind – of what might be good for France.

The theoretical bias, particularly when it dissected the Common Agricultural Policy, was deeply frustrating to more simple-minded Anglo-Saxon participants. But a serious attempt to understand these markets was being made, which cannot always be said of London.

Will France succeed? There are serious obstacles.

First, the timing could hardly have been more unfortunate. A celebration of the recent revival of the Bourse was overshadowed by the conviction of its president, M Michel Wiart, and two other prominent Paris commodity brokers, M Jacques Maurer and M Pierre Elie Borione.

Kremlin-like, M Wiart's name disappeared from the final version of the agenda and his face from the conference.

The three were convicted on charges of churning (trading unnecessarily frequently for clients to earn extra commission), charging excess commissions and confusing their firms' money with clients' money while trading in sugar and cocoa in Paris between 1969 and 1974.

They have appealed, and fellow brokers such as M Henri Azzopardi, president of the broking firm Etafric and now vice-president of the Bourse, protest long and loud that the three are innocent.

In the view of Parisian brokers, those convicted are victims of malicious charges by disgruntled customers. If the charges are upheld, brokers could face compensation claims totalling Fr30 million (£2.6 million).

M Azzopardi argues that, far from reassuring the private clients whom the Bourse and the Government want to attract to futures trading, a final conviction will deter them. Whatever the outcome, the reverberations of the great sugar scandal of 1974 refuse to fade away.

In the long run, however, there are higher barriers for Paris to overcome. It is simply not an international financial centre, and even in Europe it takes second place to London.

The *dirigiste* tradition sits uncomfortably with the free-wheeling ways of futures markets: exchange controls, although they have been and are expected to be relaxed, must hinder the development of international contracts.

There is also the age-old rivalry between Paris and the provinces. Parisian brokers are convinced that the potato contract would have fared better in their city than in Lille, and the introduction of a beef contract has been delayed partly by pressure for a local exchange.

But perhaps the biggest problem is, oddly, French. Officials may be more enlightened, but many conference participants could not grasp the fundamental contradictions between the CAP and futures markets.

This in turn reflected a deeper dilemma: were futures markets under discussion because people recognized that commodity pricing in France was inadequate, or because, as one speaker gave warning, they could not leave these rapidly growing markets to "les Anglo-Saxons"?

Being restricted only to commodities not covered by the CAP, or to those whose restitution system allows ersatz world market pricing, is no formula for success.

Yet the Bourse lost its fight to trade France's first financial futures contract, a French treasury bond contract. A new Marchés à Terme d'Instruments Financiers (Financial Futures Exchange) has been set up instead under the aegis of the Stock Exchange. The Bourse's proposed cocoa butter and pig-meat contracts will hardly steal the limelight.

France will need all its considerable skill at self-promotion if it is to be a world futures centre by the year 2000.

Michael Prest

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INTERIM REPORT

	1985 £	1984 £
Pre-tax profit	2.74m	3.76m
Earnings per share	7.1p	9.6p
Dividends	2.5p	2.3p

Profit was lower mainly due to the timing of major completions in the property development division which this year will fall in the second half, whereas last year they occurred in the first six months. In addition, turnover and profit from building supplies were reduced, due to the continuing depressed level of activity in the construction industry.

Textile division sales were ahead of the previous year, and profit increased by 8%.

The property development division added a number of projects to its programme, including three new office developments located close to London's M25 motorway. The division is expected to show an increased profit for the full year.

The lighting companies continue to invest in the development of new products. Moodlite Electrical, the largest operation in the division, increased both sales and profit compared with the same period last year.

We have acquired the business of ECS Energy Conservation Systems Ltd. for a total investment of £1.22 million. ECS is the UK market leader in computer and electronically based energy management systems for lighting control.

The continuation of our progressive increase in dividend payments reflects our confidence in the second half results and in the longer term growth and development of the group.

T. Weatherby
Chairman

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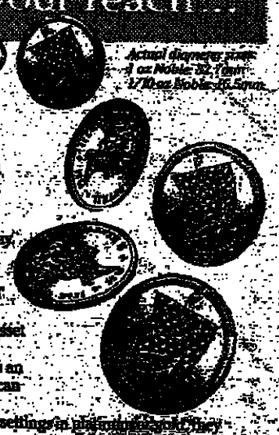
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Weekly Dividend

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

101¼	98.38	Exch	11¾%	1986	99.91		11.751	11.559
99⅝	99⅛	Treas C	10¾	1986	99.91		19.068	11.708
100⅛	97⅞	Treas	9¾	1986	99⅞		9.102	10.898
100	98⅛	Exch C	10¾	1986	99⅞		10.191	11.859
101⅛	98⅛	Treas	12¾	1986	100⅛		11.581	11.707
103⅜	94⅝	Treas	8¾%	1984-88	99⅝		8.639	11.583
105⅜	101⅛	Exch	12¾	1987	101⅝		11.139	11.559
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	9%	1987	99⅝		2.689	8.391
104⅝	101⅛	Exch	12¾	1987	101⅝		13.048	11.628
99⅝	96⅝	Treas C	10¾	1987	99⅝		10.398	11.517
100⅝	97⅝	Treas	9¾	1987	99⅝		9.954	11.554
100⅝	98⅛	Exch	10¾	1987	100⅛		10.516	11.401
99⅝	96⅝	Fund	6½%	1982-87	99⅝		6.972	10.898
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	10%	1987	99⅝		10.194	11.498
101⅛	98⅛	Exch	12¾	1987	101⅛		11.998	11.371
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	12%	1987	101⅛		11.870	11.332
99⅝	96⅝	Fund	7¼%	1985-88	99⅝		8.269	11.121
100⅝	98⅛	Exch	10¾	1988	99⅝		10.657	11.212
98⅝	95⅝	Treas	9%	1988	99⅝		10.694	11.301
97⅝	94⅝	Treas	9%	1978-88	99⅝		3.436	8.542
97⅝	95⅝	Treas	9¾	1988	99⅝		9.922	11.254
97⅝	94⅝	Treas	11¾%	1988	100⅝		11.436	11.218
97⅝	94⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1988	99⅝		9.570	11.215
98⅝	79⅝	Treas	3%	1988	99⅝		3.551	8.861
98⅝	95⅝	Treas	10¾	1989	99⅝		10.708	11.178
98⅝	95⅝	Treas	10¾	1989	99⅝		10.578	11.204
101⅛	98⅛	Exch	11¾	1989	101⅛		11.859	11.149
98⅝	78⅝	Treas	3%	1989-86	99⅝		5.827	8.659
100⅛	98⅛	Exch C	10¾	1989	99⅝		10.484	10.900
101⅛	98⅛	Treas	11¾	1989	101⅛		11.041	11.085
101⅛	98⅛	Exch	11¾	1990	101⅛		11.041	11.085
101⅛	98⅛	Exch	12¾	1990	101⅛		11.639	11.084
81⅝	75⅝	Treas	3%	1990	99⅝		3.715	8.994
93⅞	89⅝	Treas	8%	1987-90	99⅝		8.016	10.572
101⅛	91	Treas C	10%	1990	99		10.415	11.099

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

106⅜	99⅛	Treas	13¼%	1991	101⅛		11.467	11.311
97⅛	75⅝	Treas	3%	1987-91	99⅝		5.730	9.279
105⅛	99⅝	Exch	11%	1991	101⅛		11.032	11.062
113⅜	106⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	102⅛		11.488	11.067
108⅜	101⅝	Exch	12¾	1992	102⅛		11.488	11.067
104⅛	99⅝	Treas C	10¾	1992	99⅝		10.753	11.057
111⅝	104⅝	Exch	13%	1992	105⅝		11.687	11.162
113⅞	104⅝	Exch	13¾	1992	113⅞		12.171	11.154
114⅜	107⅝	Treas	13¾	1992	113⅜		11.837	11.140
83⅝	74⅝	Fund	3½%	1986-96	99⅝		7.401	9.590
121⅛	109⅝	Treas	13¾	1993	114⅞		12.129	11.153
122⅜	109⅝	Treas	13¾	1993	122⅜		12.263	11.066
120⅝	107⅝	Exch	13¾	1994	120⅝		12.018	11.068
113⅜	98⅝	Exch	12¾	1994	111⅞		11.847	11.155
95⅝	85⅝	Treas	9%	1994	99⅝		10.010	10.758
111⅜	99⅝	Exch	12%	1994	105⅝		11.459	11.134
91⅝	80⅛	Treas	8%	1990-95	99⅝		4.327	7.880
131⅜	98⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	99⅝		10.749	11.041
118⅝	105⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	111⅛		11.581	11.046
122⅛	97⅝	Treas	11¾%	1995	99⅝		11.573	11.102
94⅝	84⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	91⅛		10.044	10.666
134⅛	102⅝	Treas	15¼%	1996	126⅝		12.196	11.139
132⅝	109⅝	Exch	13¾%	1996	114⅞		11.832	10.979
132⅝	107⅝	Exch	13¾%	1996	114⅞		11.832	10.979
107⅝	99⅝	Exch	10¾%	1997	100⅝		10.796	10.875
99⅝	96⅝	Exch	9¾%	1997	99⅝		10.045	10.707
103⅝	126⅝	Exch	15%	1997	126⅝		12.034	11.182
99⅝	96⅝	Exch	9¾%	1998	99⅝		10.464	10.797
79⅝	70⅝	Treas	3%	1966-98	79⅝		5.584	10.361
139⅛	102⅝	Treas	15¼%	1998	132⅝		11.946	11.067
99⅝	96⅝	Exch	9¾%	1999	99⅝		11.157	10.888
99⅝	96⅝	Treas	9¾%	1999	99⅝		10.068	10.797
116⅛	103⅝	Exch	12¾%	1999	112⅝		11.161	10.848
99⅝	96⅝	Exch	9¾%	1999	99⅝		10.661	10.716
103⅝	91⅝	Treas	10¾%	2000	99⅝		10.716	10.716
129⅛	103⅝	Treas	13%	2000	114⅞		11.233	10.829

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

99⅝	96⅝	Treas	10%	2001	99⅝		10.440	10.565
133⅛	114⅝	Treas	14%	1998-01	129⅝		11.701	11.082
97⅝	85⅝	Conv	9¾%	2001	97⅝		10.362	10.564
101⅝	89⅝	Exch	12%	1998-02	112⅝		10.716	10.838
101⅝	89⅝	Exch	12%	2002	99⅝		10.469	10.837
99⅝	96⅝	Exch	9¾%	2002	99⅝		10.362	10.829
128⅛	112⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	128⅝		11.386	10.827
119⅛	101⅝	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	109⅝		10.810	10.848
101⅝	99⅝	Exch	12%	2004	99⅝		10.377	10.451
53⅝	45⅝	Treas	4%	1986-04	50⅝		5.995	9.092

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27⅝	23⅝	War Ln	3½%				16.921	
25⅝	22⅝	Conv	3½%		23⅝		16.991	
24⅝	21⅝	Treas	3%				10.817	
24⅝	21⅝	Conv	3%				10.863	
24⅝	21⅝	Treas	3%				9.955	

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117⅜	109⅞	Treas	2%	1988	116⅝		4.691	3.558
107⅛	100⅝	Treas	2%	1992	106⅝		4.504	3.762
108⅜	101⅝	Treas	2%	2001	98⅛		4.145	3.699
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2006	103⅝		3.999	3.762
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2011	103⅝		3.884	3.715
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2016	103⅝		3.787	3.707
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2020	103⅝		3.767	3.707
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2024	103⅝		3.767	3.707
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2030	103⅝		3.767	3.707
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2035	103⅝		3.767	3.707
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	2%	2050	103⅝		3.767	3.707

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
208	153	Allied-Lyons	208	●	11.6	4.5	15.4
232	171	Bass	232	●	21.8	9.3	13.1
98	68	Belhaven	98		11	11.2	21.5
98	73	Border Breweries	98	●	7.5	7.6	12.8
128	98	Brown (Matthew)	128	●	20.8	16.2	20.1
128	113	Bulmer (H.P.)	128	●	7.8	6.1	11.9
210	170	Burtonwood Brew	210	●	16.5	7.9	18.5
210	170	Chrs (Matthew)	210	●	16.5	7.9	18.5
212	170	Dimmond (J.A)	212	●	16.5	7.8	18.7
146	120	Distillers	146	●	10.3	7.1	12.8
113	87	Greenall Whitley	113	●	6.1	5.4	12.1
146	120	Grt Nthn Kng	146	●	10.5	7.2	12.8
155	125	Guinness	155	●	10.5	6.8	12.3
146	120	Hardys & Hansons	146	●	10.5	7.2	12.8
146	120	Highland Dist	146	●	10.5	7.2	12.8
146	120	Inver House Dist	146	●	10.5	7.2	12.8
146	120	Irish Dist	146	●	10.5	7.2	12.8
97	67	Marston Thompson	97	●	6.1	6.3	12.7
379	279	Matland	379	●●	21.1	5.6	12.7
379	279	M.A Emmerdale	379	●●	21.1	5.6	12.7
379	279	Scot & Nwe	379	●●	21.1	5.6	12.7
379	279	Seagram	379	●●	21.1	5.6	12.7
184	134	Vaux	184	●	10.5	5.7	12.5
184	134	Whitbread 'A'	184	●	10.5	5.7	12.5
184	134	Do 'B'	184	●	10.5	5.7	12.5
184	134	Whitbread Inv	184	●	10.5	5.7	12.5
208	153	Wolverhmpton & D	208	+17	11.6	5.6	12.7
232	169	Young 'A'	232	●	14.4	6.2	13.6

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

135	98	Allied Irish	135	●	9.0	6.9	9.2
194	140	Ansbacher (Henry)	194	●	15.6	8.1	7.2
292	205	Bankamerica	292	●●			
292	205	Bank Of Ireland	292	●●	17.0	5.8	6.7
215	170	Bank Leumi Israel	215	●	15.6	7.3	15.1
215	170	Bank Leumi UK	215	●	15.6	7.3	15.1
332	261	Bank Of Scotland	332	●	24.0	7.2	9.7
332	261	Barclays	332	●	24.0	7.2	9.7

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
240	172	Aberdeen Constr	230		10.8	4.6	14.4
260	230	Amec	254	●	16.7	6.7	8.2
98	69	Arnolite	85	●	0.1	0.3	8.8
138	82	Ashwoode	118	●	5.7	4.8	10.8
208	208	BPB Industries	208	●	17.5	8.4	11.9
135	104	Baggeridge Brick	114		5.8	5.1	13.9
128	64	Barratt Devs	114		10.5	9.2	
34	18	Bibby(Ben) Constr	24		0.4	1.6	4.8
179	113	Brandt Group	179		10.2	5.7	12.1
57	37	Bredero Concrete	51		3.4	6.6	10.1
97	51	Brit Bros	77		4.4	5.8	11.5
555	545	Bovis	555		35.8	6.4	10.2
249	194	Brockhouse	249		12.6	5.7	10.7
78	56	Brockhouse Dudley	72	●	4.5	6.6	12.5
11	5	Bt Dredging	5		0.8	5.8	10.8
11	5	Brown&Jackson	5				10.8
83	57	Brownlee	57	●	4.4	7.7	8.4
93	64	Bryant	93		4.7	5.4	11.1
157	76	Burnett & Hallam	157		12.5		10.2
155	145	Cakebread Robey	155	●	4.4	3.0	26.0
98	90	Cement-Roadstone	98		3.6	3.6	7.7
78	48	Conder Grp	78		3.6	5.6	12.3
295	254	Costain	282	●	22.1	4.8	10.2
335	194	Countryside	312		8.2	2.9	8.5
120	84	Crouch (Derek)	118		7.9	6.7	9.8
118	84	Dew (George)	118		8.1	7.7	8.5
61	45	Dougtie (FG)	77		2.5	3.2	13.7
71	55	Ecrin	66	●	4.4	6.7	10.8
113	87	Feb	113	●	4.5	4.7	10.8
98	88	Do 'A'	98	●	4.5	4.9	8.2
		Finlan Gp					
288	117	French Kier	288	●	6.2	2.2	12.5
88	64	Galliford	88	●	6.5	7.9	12.5
115	103	Gibbs & Dandy Drd	110		2.3	2.1	12.9
270	204	Glasgow (AJ)	270		7.7	2.9	9.0
119	89	HAT	119		5.4	5.4	10.5
64	34	Helical Bar	64		2.2	3.4	12.8
46	33	Howden-Stuart	46		2.5	5.4	8.5
171	114	Heywood Williams	156	●	6.9	4.5	9.9
446	291	Higgs & Hill	446		19.3	4.3	11.8
288	202	Holloch Jamieson	245		9.1	4.1	11.6
288	202	Jarvis (J) & Sons	285		20.0	8.4	8.1
348	198	Laing (J)	348		8.9	2.7	10.5
270	173	Do 'A'	270		8.9	3.3	10.5
98	68	Lawrence (Walter)	98		4.5	4.9	8.1
79	59	Lilley (FJC)	79		3.5	4.5	11.5
220	196	Lovell (Y.J)	216		8.5	3.9	15.7
168	104	Magnet & South	168		8.7	5.2	14.5
138	110	Marsden	138		10.8	7.8	11.4
138	110	Marshalls (Halifax)	173		7.1	4.1	12.8
107	74	May & Hassell	107		5.4	5.0	11.8
338	232	McAlpine (Alfred)	338		16.1	6.0	10.8
178	113	Meyer Int	178		7.5	4.2	9.8
27	14	Miller (Stanley)	27		0.7	2.5	9.8
134	105	Monk (A)	118		6.3	7.9	15.8
348	228	Mowlem (John)	324		16.8	5.1	21.4
166	100	Newarthill	166		15.7	1.8	15.1
163	145	Nottingham Brick	163		7.9	4.8	15.2
800	680	Pearce (CH) Sons	780		11.1	1.8	13.1
138	88	Persimmon	131		6.8	5.8	8.7
180	130	Phoenix Timber	180		4.5	2.5	9.7
288	192	Pochins	278		10.4	3.7	10.4
177	122	RMC	177		10.5	5.9	10.4
356	248	Redland	356		16.5	4.6	10.4
177	83	Roberts Adlard	177		8.6	5.5	10.1
252	162	Robertson	190		11.5	6.1	10.2
138	118	Rugby Cement	138		8.99	6.4	10.2
273	193	SGB	260		14.39	5.5	9.8
97	63	Sharpe & Fisher	97		3.2	3.4	14.9
78	52	Shaw (J)	72		2.8	3.9	14.3
232	232	Tarmac	275		11.7	5.1	15.7
248	248	Taylor Woodrow	333		21.4	6.5	12.4
144	108	Tilbury Group	144		7.8	5.4	11.5
240	225	Travis & Arnold	238		11.5a	5.3	11.6
107	87	Trent	91		1.5	1.6	16.6
143	143	Turriff	155		10.5	6.7	37.5
198	135	Wimpey	198		9.6	4.3	11.5
135	135	Ward (T)	135		5.7c	5.5	6.9
230	173	Watts Blake	180	● -2	5.0	3.8	14.5
79	64	Western Bros	64		1.4e	2.8	12.8
49	38	Wiggins	44				
316	172	Wilson (Connolly)	316		4.5	1.4	16.5
141	87	Wimpey (George)	138	● -1	4.8	3.5	11.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	23¾	AKZO N/V Bearer	39½		400	12.1	
256	121	Allied Colloids	158	+12	8.5	2.1	16.5
288	213	Associated	283	● +5	8.6	3.0	14.5
288	213	Ancrom Chemical	283		8.6	3.0	7.8
52⅝	51⅝	Bayer DM50	52⅝	+½	700	10.1	
120	100	Blagden	114		10.2	9.0	
134	104	Brent Chems	114		5.1	4.5	15.1
57	39	Br Bernzol	50	●			15.6
117	78	Br Tar Products	107		5.1	4.8	15.5
107	78	Canning (W)	79		5.1	6.4	11.7
224	224	Coalite	288	●	8.5	2.9	14.0
185	185	Coates Bros	185		8.5	4.6	12.8
198	113	Do 'A'	118		8.5	5.5	7.2
25	14	Cory (Horace)	18		0.7	4.4	14.4
161	116	Croda	128	● +2	10.0	7.8	10.5
98	98	Do Dfd	98				10.5
257	168	Ellis & Everard	164		8.4	4.6	18.1
259	175	Fosseo-Minerop	212	● +5	11.9	5.6	8.8
115	102	Hallcard (James)	115		5.7	4.9	9.1
548	318	Hickson	328		21.4	6.5	7.3
71	51	Hoechst DM50	69½	+½			
686	686	Imp Chem Ind	784	+17	46.5	5.9	6.2
278	278	Laporte	308		19.5	6.3	10.1
121	94	Leigh	110	● +1	4.7	4.3	17.4
179	141	Plysu	179		9.1	5.7	10.5
93	93	Rabbrook Hldgs	77	● +1	3.9	5.1	15.8
135	135	Rentokil	141		3.2	2.3	37.5
94	94	SNIA BPD	103				
182	182	Wolsenholme Rink	215		11.1	5.1	10.0
88	88	*Yorkshire Chem*	73		2.5e	3.4	12.1

CINEMAS AND TV

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
168	120	Anglia TV 'A'	168	● -5	11.4	6.2	13.1
64	26	Grampian	30	●	2.4	7.9	8.8
178	118	HTV N/V	178		11.0	6.2	8.8
397	228	LWT Hldgs	397	●	20.6	5.2	8.8
180	128	Scot TV 'A'	167	●	12.7	7.6	7.5
165	110	TVS N/V	165	●	8.6	5.2	8.8
33	23	TSW	31	●	2.4	7.8	8.8

DRAPERY AND STORES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
78	56	Aquascutum 'A'	77	● -1	3.3	4.2	23.2
100	51	Beattie (James) 'A'	97		3.3	3.4	20.1
98	61	Bentalls	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Blacks Leis	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Body Shop	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Br Home Stores	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Brown (N)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Burton	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Clark (A) &Sons	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Clinton 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Comet (S)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Combined	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Combined English	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Courts (Furn) 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Courts (Sir)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Dixons Grp	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Dunhill	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Ellis & Goldstein	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Elys (Wimbledon)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Empire Stores	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Etam	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Executive Clothes	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Fine Art Dev	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Ford (Henry)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Fortnum&Mason	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Frenchmans	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Galen (AJ)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Gent (S)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Goldberg (A)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Goldmiths Gp	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
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98	61	GUS	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Do 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Habitat Mothercare	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Harris Queensway	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Heath (C.F)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	House Of Fraser	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Hepworth (J)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Holmes	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Horne Chems	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	House Of Larose	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Jones (Ernest)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Ladbro Price	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Lee Cooper	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Liberty	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Lincroft Hldgs	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Marks & Spencer	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Matalan (John)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Mileta Leisure	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Moss Bros	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Next Newmarketin	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Oliver (B)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Ost Price	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Owen Owen	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Peters Stores	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Prendy (Alfred)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Raines (Jewelling)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Rayners	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Reddaway	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Reed (Austin)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Do 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	S & U Stores	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Samuel (H)	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Do 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Sears	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Simpson (S) 'A'	98	●	4.1	4.2	14.4
98	61	Smith (WH) 'A'	98	●	4.1

RUGBY UNION: CAMBRIDGE DO NOT CONCEDE UNTIL THE LAST BREATHLESS MINUTE OF INJURY TIME

Oxford make point that wins the argument

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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How small the margin that denies a record. The bravest Oxford University display for years denied Cambridge their sixth successive win at Twickenham yesterday. But the damage Oxford did to their supporters' nerves during the closing minutes is hard to describe.

Turner was over the Oxford line but Cambridge were given a scrum. Wyles was hauled down two metres, short, deep in injury time. Stileman plunged for the line, only for Cambridge to receive another five-metre scrum, and the last act of an enthralling match was a drop goal screwed wide by Hastings, the Cambridge captain.

Oxford's victory by a try and a penalty goal to two penalties owed nearly everything to their back row and the tackling of their midfield. Griffin was outstanding both as a defender and on the all-too-rare occasions when Oxford kept the ball in their hands. He it was who, with a pick-up from fumbled Cambridge scrum ball, offered a little dummy before sending the MacDonald Macdonald plunging to the line. Coll, the No 8, getting the only try of the game in the corner.

Behind Oxford's forwards, Johnston played with a coolness amounting to frigidity and his centres laid low any attempt by Cambridge to attack through midfield. Thus Cambridge were thrust back on the comparative sterility of the chip ahead or the high kick and their lack of control at half-back was exposed like a wound bared.

It was the area which had worried Cambridge all term. Bailey, removed from the left wing to stand-off half, needed time to play, too much time, and Oxford never allowed it. Little blame should be attached to him; he made what he could of an unwelcome job and when he found the open spaces on Twickenham's fringes he proved as threatening as anyone.

The statistics tell the tale of heroic Oxford defence. O'Leary and Withyman dominated the lineout, their second-half authority laying waste Oxford plans to roll forward off four-man lines. Cambridge took nearly twice the lineout ball of their opponents: they had considerably more of the scrum feed and they won the rucks and mauls.

There was, too, a psychological moment when Cambridge might have stolen the match. When they were trailing by 7-0 at half-time, Hastings pulled back three points with his fourth penalty attempt of the match: then the big Scot broke clear down the righthand touchline, only to be stopped by a desperate tackle from Vessey.

In killing the loose ball Oxford were penalized and, with seven minutes of proper time left, Hastings elected to kick for goal from the touchline rather than keep the ball in the hand and hope for a try from a tap penalty. Oxford, to borrow from boxing, were on the ropes, bloodied, unbowed but struggling to stay in the contest; it was not as though Hastings's place-kicking encouraged hopes of success. Cambridge needed a try to draw level.

The kick, to do Hastings justice, went over from the far right, leaving him with the nagging thought of his first penalty as early as the fourth minute which hit an upright and stayed out. Oxford took their chances. Kennedy, who hovered between the heavenly and the horrific under the high ball, moved over a 40-metre penalty after Kelly went offside. He was not far short with an even greater effort from halfway after Cambridge had lost Harriman, their wing, with a dislocated shoulder which earned Pierce his Blue.

Oxford's try came at an important moment just before the interval when their scrummage threatened to become a dominating factor. For the second time they ruined the Cambridge heel and it is to Cambridge's credit that their forwards came back so strongly after the break. But though they tried to give Turner tidy possession, the Cambridge halves were fatally slow

Glynn pointed up Oxford's difficulties when he went off for treatmennt to damaged ribs but emphasized his university's commitmet with his return. It was during his absence that Cambridge put togethher thaie one significant back-row move, which petered out with Clough's kick to touch.

Equally significant in terms of Cambridge's failure to take advantage of their wealth of ball was the sequence of play with five minutes left. Hohnson was caught behind his own line annd from the scrum Turner went blind, his forwards pouring on to him. As he disappeared beneath a heap of bodies Roger Quittenton awarded another Cambridge scrum from which Clough kicked diagonally but fruitlessly for Wyles. The resulting lineout five metres out gave Cambridge the throw which went straight to a relieved Neil Macdonald and, compounding the felony, Cambridge's support players fell offside.



The man who went flat out for victory: Coll MacDonald, Oxford's try scorer, kicks his heels while Green fumbles. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: A P Kennedy (Wallace HS, Lisburn and Keble); S J R Vessey (Magdelen College School and Merton), J M Riseman (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), R A Rydon (Sherborne and Pembroke), S B Pearson (Uppingam and Trinity), A M Johnson (Radley and St Catherine's), S N J Roberts (Manchester GS and Exeter); J M Dingemans (Radley and Mansfield), R I Glynn (Leeds GS and St Edmund Hall), T G Willis (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), T G R Marvin (Radley and St Catherine's), N W Macdonald (Cape Town University and University, captain), C Crane (West Monmouth GS and St Edmund Hall), S J M Griffin (Christ's College, Brecon and University), C P MacDonald (Stellenbosch University and University).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A. G. Hastings (George Watson's College and Magdalene, capt), A. T. Harriman (Radley and Magdalene) (rep: D. J. Pierce, RGS Newcastle and St John's), F. J. Clough (St John Rigby and Magdalene), K. G. Simms (West Park and Emmanuel), K. T. Wyles (Wymondham College and Churchill), M. D. Bailey (Ipswich and Corpus Christi), J. M. P. C. Turner (Sherborne and Downing), N. J. Herrod (King Henry VIII, Coventry and Clare Hall), P.H. Combe (Marlborough and Magdalene), T. J. L. Borthwick (Tonbridge and Magdalene), S. R. Kelly (Richard Hulsh College and Corpus Christi), W. M. C. Stileman (Wellington College and Selwyn), S. T. O'Leary (Plymouth College and Fitzwilliam), P. A. Green (Kent College and Trinity Hall), T Withyman (Spalding GS and Emmanuel).

Referee: R. C. Quittenton (London).

SCORERS: Oxford University: Try: C. MacDonald. Penalty: Kennedy. Cambridge University: Penalty: Hastings (2).

Six changes as South West seek lost pride

By David Hands

The South and South West division, crossing their fingers that their injured players will be able to take the field, have made six changes in their side to play the Midlands at Gloucester on Saturday.

From the team that performed so disappointingly against London on the first weekend of the divisional championship, two changes are made behind the scrum and four in the pack.

Barnes, as expected, replaces Hamlin at stand off half, but Knibbs, the Bristol centre, is chosen on the left wing instead of Carr, his club colleague. Knibbs has played on the wing in a representative match before in last season's under-23 trial and made an excellent job of it.

The only enforced change is at loosehead prop where Chilcott (Bath) is laid low by the groin strain sustained trying to tackle the elusive Huw Davies last Saturday. His place goes to Preedy, the Gloucester prop capped in South Africa last year. Preedy will not have the services of White, his club hooker, who is replaced by Bogira (Bristol).

The divisional selectors obviously considered White's sweeping style of hooking attracted too much adverse attention from the referee and therefore decided to lose the benefits implied by a club front row of Preedy, White and Pascal. In the back row, Hall and Egerton, both of Bath, replaced Dun and Teague at blindside flanker and No. 8 respectively.

The distress of the divisional selectors after their 22-3 defeat to London was clear in the statement by John Lockyer, their match secretary, who said yesterday: "After last Saturday we are the laughing stock of rugby. We lay down and died against London and I have never seen that happen before to a team from the South-West."

The national selectors will be particularly pleased to see Egerton recovered from a calf injury so that his rawboned merits may be compared with the more mature skills of Robbins, the Coventry No 8, who played so well at Beeston last Saturday in scoring three tries behind a very stable tight five.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST DIVISION (Bath unless stated): C Martin; D Trick, J Palmer, S Holliday, R Knibbs (Bristol); S Barnes, R Hill; M Preedy (Gloucester), K Bogira (Bristol), R Pascal (Gloucester), J Hall, J Orwin (Gloucester), N Redman, R Spurrell capt, D Egerton Replacements: J Webb (Bristol), M Hamlin (Gloucester), R Harding (Bristol), K White (Gloucester), P Stiff (Bristol), M Teague (Cardiff).

SQUASH RACKETS

Norman still has his sights on Jahangir

From Colin McQuillan
Muscat

It has become a pattern in the game that those who fail to penetrate Jahangir Khan's five-year hold on the world championship fall back in despair. The current world No 2, Ross Norman, of New Zealand, showed little sign of such dejection last night in resisting a powerful challenge from Philip Kenyon, of Britain, in the quarter-finals of the Al Falaj tournament here.

Norman has been on the circuit non-stop for nearly four months, doggedly pursuing the Pakistani maestro, who yesterday celebrated his 22nd birthday and who has beaten off the New Zealander in six successive international finals. The pair are seeded to meet again in the final of this £22,000 event, which annually draws the world's top 16 the Al Falaj Hotel in the capital of Oman.

There were moments last night when it seemed that Kenyon, the British champion, would deny Norman his seventh attempt at the biggest prize in the game. Two games up and fighting for early control of the third game, the Englishman was close indeed to an inspired reversal of his recent poor form.

As Jahangir is discovering, however, Norman rarely gives up. It took his 83 minutes of hard, grinding retrieval and counter-attack to defeat Kenyon 4-9, 8-10, 9-3, 9-1, 9-1. The impression at the end was that another 83 minutes would have been absorbed just as willingly.

"I seem to have been playing at that level forever," Norman said. "I cannot even begin to think about Jahangir again until I negotiate a semi-final here, which will be just as tough. Kenyon played exceptionally well. He has been blowing hot and cold lately and it was just my luck to get him in a hot spell."

Norman's predecessor as world No 2, Qamar Zaman, immediately illustrated the rarity of the New Zealander's tenacity, falling 9-6, 9-7, 9-3 to Glen Brumby, of Australia, in 29 minutes of dispirited inaccuracy.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Norman (NZ) bt P Kenyon (GB), 4-9, 8-9, 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; G Brumby (Aus) bt Qamar Zaman (Pak), 9-6, 9-7, 9-3.

First acceptors

KING GEORGE VI CHASE (3m ch): Acarine 9, Alferka 7, Ballinzoura Lad 10, Beau Ranger 7, Brown Chamberlin 10, Burrough Hill Lad 9, By The Way 7, Captain John 11, Combs Ditch 9, Desert Orchid 6, Door Latch 7, Drumadowney 7, Duke Of Milan 8, Earls Brig 10, Fifty Dollars More 10, Final Argument 9, Forgive 'N Forgive 8, Galway Blaze 8, Half Free 9, Integration 11, Just For The Crack 7, Little Bay 10, Observe 9, Rockfield Boy 8, Run And Skip 7, Straight Accord 10, Tacroy 11, The Mighty Mac 10, The Tsarevich 9, Very Promising 7, Wayward Lad 10, Western Sunset 9, West Tip 8, Buckbe 6. To be run at Kempton Park, December 6.

YACHTING

Taking top off British secrets

By John Nicholls

Ever since the winning yacht, Australia II, arrived in Newport for the last America's Cup series with her winged keel concealed, secrecy has become obsessive among subsequent challengers. The British are no exception to the rule and at the naming ceremony of Crusader, the Royal Thames Yacht Club's first boat, on Wednesday the hull was completely enveloped below the water-line. Visitors, apart from Princess Diana, were not shown the second boat at all. Someone has allegedly tried to sell the design of Crusader's keel to the Americans.

So, presumably, the world of yachting is agog to know what the British are up to. Julian Everitt, himself an innovative yacht designer, has pieced together the available evidence and has decided what the two boats will probably look like.

The introduction of aerodynamic principles to the 12-metres design has resulted in some interesting configurations well beyond the "magic keel" of Australia II.

Borrowing design ideas from jet fighters, the American syndicates are developing canards, or forward keels, which act to re-align the flow over the main keel and provide additional lift with less overall drag. It is this type of keel which has been developed for Britain's new America's Cup 12-metres challenge.

Both the British boats have a common keel and rudder development programme. However, initial trials of the new keel will be more meaningful on Crusader, the Ian Howlett-designed boat, as the results achieved will not be distorted by the variable of a radical hull design. The Howlett 12-metre has a hull developed very much from his Victory '83, one of the fastest hulls in Newport in 1983. Given a successful conclusion to the keel programme this hull should ensure the syndicate a slight speed advantage over the Australia II type hull while gaining further over the keel.

The significance of cannards and their associated keel designs cannot be underestimated and promises much greater performance than the winged keel of Australia II. This keel development is also being undertaken by the third-generation design for the Denis Connor (San Diego Yacht Club) syndicate.

The second British 12-metre will share the keel development programme but it is the hull shape that the syndicate is excited about. Anyone who has sailed and campaigned model yachts will recognize the tempting paths that have been followed in the design of the second boat by David Hollom, the model yacht designer.

This has resulted in a hull with a much finer bow and fuller stern than is usual, pushing the centre of buoyancy further aft than is common. In model testing this has indicated a substantial improvement in damping out pitching in steep, head seas. Pitching will be a critical factor in the choppy conditions off Perth and a design which exhibits better behaviour in waves will have an advantage. Unfortunately to date, models which possess this shape have never scaled up successfully to full size.

The most noticeable deficiency with the configuration is poor light weather speed, so the designer has looked for ways to offset this. The boat is short on the waterline at 45ft 9in, allowing her to be both light and carry plenty of sail area.

Kuttel takes the southerly route

By Barry Pickthall

Atlantic Privateer, the Farr-designed maxi skippered by the South African Peter Kuttel, which was robbed of a win on the first leg of the Whitbread Round the World race when losing its mast overboard 200 miles from the Cape Town finish line, retook the lead yesterday on the second stage of this 27,000 miles race to Auckland.

The American-registered maxi, which is taking an extreme southerly route through the southern ocean, close to the 48-degree south latitude, held a tenuous seven-mile advantage over UBS Switzerland, with NZI third, trailing a futher 10 miles astern.

Côte d'Or, the Belgian maxi skippered by Eric Tabarly, which was challenging for the lead at the weekend has dropped back to sixth place 20 miles behind Drum after running in to a fishing net which cost the crew several hours while they cut it away.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1, Atlantic Privateer (P Kuttel, US); 2, UBS Switzerland (T Fehlmann, Switz); 3, NZI Enterprise (D Taylor, NZL); 4, Lion New Zealand (P Blake, NZ); 5, Drum (R Novak, GB). **Leading on handicap:** 1, Atlantic Privateer; 2, Fazer Finland (M Berner, Finland); 3, UBS Switzerland; 4, L'Esprit de Equipe (L Pean, France); 5, NZI Enterprise.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull chairman in talks with South Africans

By Keith Macklin

Hull have had talks with two South African Rugby Union players and will announce this week whether they are to join the club.

Ray Mordt and Rob Louw have previously attracted enquiries from Hull Kingston Rovers and Widnes and Hull's problem is that they already have their full quota of overseas players; but they have the option of offering players contracts to start next season.

The withdrawal of the invitation to the British Lions to tour South Africa next year means that some South African players arelooking to play Rugby League. There is talk of a Kerry Packer-style professional competition in South Africa and of Springboks coming to Britain for as much as £6,000 a match with top clubs.

Roy Waudby, the Hull chairman, said: "They are exceptional players and I believe Mordt in particular will be a sensation if he turns to Rugby League."

TENNIS

Last call for Masters

New York, (Reuter) – The battle for the final two berths in the 16-man Masters tennis championships next month has come down to three player – Henri Leconte of France and the Americans Paul Annacone and Scott Davis.

GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), 4,459 points; 2, J McEnroe (US), 4,103; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 3,306; 4, S Edberg (Swe), 2,511; 5, B Becker (WG), 2,233; 6, J Connors (US), 2,178; 7, Y Noah (Fr), 1,888; 8, A Jarryd (Swe), 1,860; 9, J Krick (US), 1,483; 10, J Nystrom (Swe), 1,482; 11, T Mayotte (US), 1,424; 12, T Smid (Cz), 1,348; 13, M Mecir (Cz), 1,311; 14, B Gilbert (US), 1,271; 15, P Annacone (US), 1,255; Equal 16, H Leconte (Fr) and K Curren (US), 1,127; 18, S Davis (US), 1,124.

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RACKETS

Tenacity is not enough

By William Stephens

Martin Smith, amateur champion in 1970 and 1971, beat David Pease 15-10, 15-4, 10-15, 15-7, in the Celestion amature championship secon round at Queen's Club yesterday.

Smith, aged 44, is a consultant physician with the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford. Pease was losing finallist for Eton with David Faber against Harrow in the 1979 public schools championship.

Pease forced his opponent onto the defensive in the third game by taking the ball earlier, but Smith, fiercely tenacious, showed resilience to recover the initiative in the fourth.

Randall Crawley, the fourth seed, gave a perfect display in defeating David Norman, who was five times United States amateur champion, and twice US Open champion, 15-5, 15-7, 15-2. Crawley's capacity for natural timing, and ability ruthlessly to kill the ball, provoked the questions of why he has never reached the top in senior singles.

RESULTS: Second round: M G M Smith bt A D Pease 15-10, 15-4, 10-15, 15-7; R S Crawley bt D M Norman 15-5, 15-7, 15-2.

CRICKET

Hughes ready to make debut against India

Melbourne, (AFP) – Fast bowler Merv Hughes will make his international debut in the first Test against India in Adelaide on Friday after impressing the Australian selectors with a display of aggressive bowling in Victoria's drawn four-day match against the touring side.

Hughes, 24, is given his chance in place of out-of-form Geoff Lawson, who was dropped from the side along with spin-bowler Bob Holland. It is the first time that Lawson has missed a Test on form alone since playing against New Zealand in the 1980-81 season, but lately he has fought a battle with nagging injuries which have affected his line and length.

West Australian batsman Geoff Marsh is the other newcomer to the team. Marsh, 26, has been a prolific run-scorer for his state with seven centuries and 14 half centuries.

Meanwhile, Indian spinners Laxman Shivaramakrishnan and Shivlal Yadav enhanced their test prospects despite the rain-affected draw against Victoria here, when a total of 674 minutes was lost due to rain over the four days.

It is almost certain that one, if not both, of the spinners will line up against the Australians in Adelaide.

SKIING

A finish to going downhill fast

Val D' Isere (Reuter) – Olympic hero one year and nowhere the next, Bill Johnson is in search of his lost fortunes in this new Alpine season. It will take him some time: he is out of shape, out of the United States team and out of the top 15 downhill skiers.

The American's return to European competition here last weekend was less than earth-shattering. He finished 49th, more than four seconds behind Michael Mair.

Johnson, who clashed with the United States team authorities in a wretched season both on and off the piste, has returned this winter with his mother, Dale, travelling without team support. In 1984, with just one World Cup win behind him, Johnson upstaged the sport's most glittering names to take the downhil gold medal at the Sarajevo Winter Olmpic Games. The brash newcomer then returned to North America to score two more World Cup victories at Aspen and Whistler Mountain.

The wins in the United States proved he was more than just a good "glider" and confounded those who thought he would not be able to reproduce his winning form on pistes more technically demanding than the Olympic course.

But last season he managed just two top-10 places – tenth and seventh at Wengen, scene of his first 1984 triumph. He had a stomach virus at the world championships in Bormio and finished 14th. "I had no ambition after missing out there and just thought I'd finish the season," he said.

The US Alpine team director, Harald Schoenhaar, said: "He just didn't do anything. He did't train in the summer of 1984."

Johnson, caught up with personal appearances, seemed unable to fire himself up in competition. He arrived late for a training camp last May and quarrelled with Schoenhaar, who dismissed him from the team.

Last season's poor results dropped Johnson out of the "top seed" of 15 leading race starters. "It's tough to accept being behind, but it's not necessarily a disadvantage to start from the lower seed," he said. "Often the piste is faster. Once you know what it takes to win, you should be able to come back if you really want to."

Johnson said he learned a lot in 1985 but admits he is far from top shape and must recover ground after missing the first two downhills of the season in Las Lenas, Argentina, in August.

"I've done maybe a week of real downhill training. I trained a lot of giant slalom. Nowadays skiers must be more complete. For the moment I'm trying to get back my feeling for speed. It will take a few days. It's difficult to have fun on tour when you feel you can't go for a place in the top three."



Johnson: out of shape

Rex Bellamy looks for a clearing in the complex jungle of tennis

Genuine world championship the answer

During 18 years of open competition the administration of professional tennis has been bedevilled by controversy and a series of law suits. There are now six powerfully influential factions within the game – five official bodies, plus the management agencies. An expanding, expensive bureaucracy has failed to exert any firm authority over conflicting interests. In two articles our tennis correspondent, Rex Bellamy, discusses the basic issues and proposes a solution: an independent governing body.

The Australian championships coincided, as they usually do, with a widespread outbreak of an American obsession. We may call it the No.1 virus. The media, plus a minority of players are the chief carriers. The symptoms are inconclusive, interminable arguments about who should be recognized as the No.1 player in the world. The remedy distasteful to a variety of politicians because it might damage their special interests, would be a genuine world championship series.

The interesting feature of the latest infection has been the emergence of three new contenders, Hana Mandlikova, Boris Becker and Stefan Edberg, and the waning status and influence of two former supremos, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors.

To get back to the world championship, or lack of it, we have to remember that professional tennis has no fewer than six power bases and, consequently, no genuine governing body. The functions of these six groups overlap and they have a common interest in that tennis is their business. Nevertheless, they differ in their purposes and priorities and are prone to clash.

The oldest of the six factions is the International Tennis Federation, the collective voice of the national associations. It looks after the rules of play, runs the two world team championships, and tries to promote more and better tennis at all levels. Primarily, the ITF is concerned with the 99.9 per cent who play tennis as a recreation rather than as a job. By contrast the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), the players' unions, want more jobs for more players for more money.



Mark McCormack: upsets the board

The ITF have joined forces with the ATP, the WTA and tournament directors on two councils, the Men's and Women's International Professional Tennis Councils (MIPTC and WIPTC), who run what they naturally regard as "official" circuits of tournaments, the grand prix and the Virginia Slims series for women. It must be stressed that the councils were formed solely to administer circuits

Nowadays the MIPTC have the sauce to make the much larger claim that they are "the recognized governing body for men's professional tennis". The validity of that claim may be the key to the current legal warfare between the MIPTC and the management agencies.

Yes, the management agencies. If you have been attentive, five sets of initials are already evident: ITF, ATP, WTA, MIPTC and WIPTC. The trouble with the management agencies, run by Donald Dell and Mark McCormack, is that they keep upsetting the scrabble board.

The agencies, collectively forming the sixth of our power bases, are primarily concerned with making money for their clients (including players and tournaments) and themselves. They do this so well, so artfully, that their influence pervades every area of professional tennis.

The five official bodies have clearly defined responsibilities to the game. By contrast Dell and McCormack are free agents – if you like, predators roaming the jungle. The point of the present lawsuit is to restrict their activities. It remains to be seen whether such a restriction can be legally enforced in a free society.

TOMORROW: The argument for an independent authority.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Eastern Division					
New York Jets	10	4	.714	350	235
N England Patriots	10	4	.714	301	237
Miami Dolphins	10	4	.714	370	283
Indianapolis Colts	x3 11		.214	255	347
Buffalo Bills	x2 12		.143	176	323
Central Division					
Cincinnati Bengals	7	7	.500	394	376
Cleveland Browns	7	7	.500	249	236
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	8	.429	339	303
Houston Oilers	5	9	.357	247	350
Western Division					
L Angeles Raiders	10	4	.714	325	229
Denver Broncos	9	5	.643	339	292
Seattle Seahawks	8	6	.571	322	293
San Diego Chargers	7	7	.500	413	383
Kansas City Chiefs	5	9	.357	266	312

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Eastern Division					
New York Giants	9	5	.643	350	243
Dallas Cowboys	9	5	.643	315	281
Washington Redskins	8	6	.571	243	272
Philadelphia Eagles	6	8	.429	235	256
St Louis Cardinals	5	9	.357	248	341
Central Division					
Chicago Bears	13	1	.929	400	175
Minnesota Vikings	7	7	.500	288	308
Detroit Lions	7	7	.500	287	303
Green Bay Packers	6	8	.429	281	315
Tampa Bay Buccans	2 12		.143	254	397
Western Division					
Los Angeles Rams	10	4	.714	288	267
S Francisco 49ers	8	6	.571	349	228
New Orleans Saints	5	8	.357	286	354
Atlanta Falcons	2 12		.143	252	429

TENNIS

SYDNEY: New South Wales men's open tournament first round: P McNamara (Aus) bt J Frawley (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; M Edmondson (Aus) bt T Wilkinson (US) 6-2, 6-1; K Warwick (Aus) bt B Scanlon (US) 7-6, 6-2; B Drewett (Aus) bt F Gonzalez (Para) 6-3, 7-6; M Dickson (US) bt Huub Van Boeckel (neth) 6-4, 6-4; M Doyle (Ire) bt N Fulwood (GB) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Second round: H Leconte (Fr) bt M Fleur (US) 6-2, 6-3; D Visser (SA) bt J Lloyd (GB) 6-3, 6-4; W Masur (Aus) bt M Schapers (Neth) 6-2, 6-4; M Anger (US) bt M Bauer (US) 6-1, 7-6; J Canter (US) bt P Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 6-4; B Schultz (US) bt E Edwards (SA) 4-6, 7-6, 7-6; A Mansdorf (Israel bt L Bhiraa (US) 6-3, 6-4; T Mayotte (US) bt R Brown (US) 6-3, 6-2; S Davis (US) bt D Kerasic (WG) 6-2, 6-4; C Steyn (SA) bt W Popp (WG) 6-4, 6-4.

TOKYO: Women's tournament: First round: A Moulton (US) bt K Horvath (US) 6-0, 7-5; G Kim (US) bt M van Nostrand (US) 6-3, 6-2; A Henrickson (US) bt P Louie (US) 6-4, 6-3; R White (US) bt Camille Benjamin (US) 6-1, 6-2; C Bassett (Can) bt C Jolissaint (Switz) 6-2, 6-3; E Smylie (Aus) bt S Potter (US) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; A Croft (GB) bt P Casale (US) 6-3, 7-5; K Maleeva (Bul) bt R Reggi (It) 6-3, 7-6; D Spence (US) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-2, 6-3; M Mesker (Neth) bt S Inoue (Japan) 6-2, 6-4; A White (US) bt G Fernandy (US) 6-1, 6-4; S Reha (US) bt S Mascarin (US) 6-3, 6-3.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: New South Wales 288 and 157 for 5 dec, Western Australia 187 and 105 M Valetta 55, D Gilbert 4-16); G Lawson 3-11). NSW won by 151 runs.

HOCKEY

NORTH WEST INDOOR LEAGUE

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alderley	6	5	1	0	36	14	16
Southport	6	5	0	1	50	21	15
Mor Indians	6	3	2	1	47	42	11
Chester	6	3	1	2	34	30	10
Warrington	3	2	0	1	27	18	6
Bowdon	6	1	1	4	28	46	4
Prescott	6	1	1	6	35	65	4
L'pool Sefton	5	1	0	4	21	33	3
Neston	2	0	0	2	7	11	0

Manchester Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mustins	4	4	0	0	31	12	12
Cheetham Hill	4	4	0	0	18	10	12
Brooklands	4	2	0	2	17	12	6
Timperley	4	2	0	2	18	20	6
Alderley 'B'	4	1	1	2	10	16	4
Sale	2	1	0	1	8	8	3
U MJ S.T.	4	0	1	3	13	27	1
Blackburn	2	0	0	2	7	10	0
M Indians 'B'	2	0	0	3	3	15	0

ATP RANKINGS

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, J McEnroe (US); 3, M Wilander (Swe); 4, J Connors (US); 5, S Edberg (Swe); 6, B Becker (W Germany); 7, Y Noah (Fr); 8, A Jarryd (Swe); 9, K Curren (US); 10, M Mecir (Cz).

WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, C Lloyd (US); 3, H Mandlikova (Cz); 4, P Shriver (US); 5, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 6, S Graf (WG); 7, Z Garrison (US); 8, M Maleeva (Bul); 9, H Sukova (Cz); 10, K Rinaldi (US).

SNOOKER

NORTHAMPTON: Hotmeister world doubles championship: Fourth round: C Thornburn (Can) and W Thorne bt C Wilson and W King (Aus) 5-2; N Foulds and J Parrott bt W Werbeniuk (Can) and E Charlton (Aus) 5-4; T Griffiths and Dennis Taylor bt J Spencer and S Newbury 5-0.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN MEN'S CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final group: CSKA Moscow (Soviet Union) bt Vevey-Basket (Switz) 116-84.

FIGURE SKATING

Sarajevo: World junior championships: Standings after opening day: 1, I Mironenko and D Shidchenko (USSR) 0.4pts; 2, E Murugova and R Torgashev (USSR) 0.8; 3, E Leonova and G Krasnichkiy (USSR) 1.2; 4, M Kraft and M Hammebauer (EG) 1.8; 5, I Brasseur and P Courchesne (Can) 2.0; 6, K Yamaguchi and R Galindo (US) 2.4; 7, G Tse and A Tew (US) 2.8; 8, P Shuter and S Grover (Can) 3.2; 9, L Ivanich and J Ivanich (Can) 3.6; 10, F Armstrong and M Edney (Aus) 4.0.

RUGBY FIVES

NATIONAL SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Jesters Cup: at St Paul's School, Barnes). Semi Finals: G W Elston (Ploder) bt D J Hebden 15-1, 15-2; A R Wynn bt J H M Esse 15-9, 15-9. Final: Elston bt Wynn 15-6, 15-7.

Intaglio:

NATIONAL LADIES TOURNAMENT: (at St Paul's School, Barnes): 1, Mrs P Smith, 2, Miss D Hall-Wilson, 3, Mrs V Vernon, 4, Mrs S Skuse, 5, Miss F Butler, 6, Miss H Brakefield.

ICE HOCKEY

UNITED STATES: National League (NHL): New Jersey Devils 6, Minnesota North Stars 4.

CRICKET

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RUGBY LEAGUE

First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	13	7	3	3	281	222	17
St Helens	11	7	1	3	253	177	15
Widnes	10	7	1	2	204	183	15
Wigan	11	7	0	4	312	120	14
Hull	10	7	0	3	263	156	14
Warrington	11	7	10	4	243	168	14
Hull K.R.	10	7	0	3	215	182	14
Halifax	11	6	2	3	183	147	14
Castleford	10	6	10	4	224	186	12
Leeds	11	5	12	4	197	189	12
Salford	13	5	0	8	206	281	10
York	12	4	0	8	170	248	8
Swinton	13	4	0	9	186	283	8
Dewsbury	12	3	0	9	132	334	6
Featherstone	12	2	1	9	147	300	5
Bradford	12	2	0	10	165	248	4
Name	31	16	7	8	64	39	00

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh	12	11	0	1	436	134	22
Barrow	13	11	0	2	366	136	22
Rochdale	12	11	0	1	300	115	22
Whitehaven	13	11	0	2	292	147	22
Wakefield	13	9	1	3	245	143	19
Hunslet	12	7	0	5	288	234	14
Workington	13	7	0	6	286	253	14
Bramley	14	7	0	7	234	326	14
Blackpool	13	6	0	7	273	248	12
Batley	12	6	0	6	200	208	12
Fulham	13	6	0	7	220	290	12
Sheffield	14	4	1	9	220	248	9
Huddersfield	14	4	1	9	213	369	9
Keighley	12	3	1	8	186	316	7
Runcorn	13	3	0	10	194	286	6
Doncaster	12	3	0	9	195	302	6
Carlisle	12	2	1	9	169	286	5
Mansfield	15	2	1	12	132	436	5

FOOTBALL

FA Cup, second round

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Derby away to Gillingham

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup, third round: Croydon 1, Hayes 3.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 2, Hull 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: 88 Dallow Cup, first round: Corby v VS Rugby (postponed) Southern division: Waterlooville 4, Dorchester 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Charlton 3, QPR 1.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Salisbury 2, Merthyr Tydfil 1. Final qualifying round replay: Workington 2, North Shields 0.

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FOOTBALL: TEN MEN ARE ENOUGH TO WIN QUARTER-FINAL PLACE IN MILK CUP

The game puts its house in order

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Statements from a club, an authority and an individual yesterday confirmed that football is emerging from the darkness that fell at the end of last season. Luton Town, the Football Association and Bobby Charlton have each taken steps to improve the face of the game that last May was burnt and scarred.

Luton's contribution concerns comfort. Having invested £250,000 in a synthetic pitch earlier in the year, they announced that they are to spend another £1 million on redeveloping their ground at Kenilworth Road. The plans include building a roof over the remaining open terrace, installing seats behind one goal and constructing 28 luxury boxes.

The capacity will be reduced over the next year from 20,000 spectators to 16,500, half of whom will be seated. John Smith, Luton's executive director, said that visiting supporters will be banned from next season, by which time the club hope to have introduced a membership card scheme.

"We are intent on making our home a family and business entertainment centre", Smith said, "and to do that we have to eliminate a potential source of disturbance, the away fans." He added that, as Luton still plan to move to a new stadium, "the improvements are designed to make the ground commercially viable over the next five years".

The FA's contribution concerns safety. Glen Kirton, the press officer, confirmed that the governing body's executive committee is empowered to act as soon as crowd disturbances occur. He was speaking after the disciplinary committee heard evidence about the violence which marred Millwall's game against Leeds United at the Den on November 9.

Millwall, whose followers were involved in the appalling riot at Kenilworth Road last season, were instantly ordered to make their home fixtures all-ticket games and access to tickets for away games was denied to Leeds followers. "Every club has this week received a new memo from the FA and the Football League", Kirton said.

"It states clearly that the FA will take action as necessary to protect the interests of the game. We are not telling clubs how to run their crowd control but we are making recommendations and we point out that failure to take notice could go against them in the event of trouble".

Leeds, who were not charged a month ago, have asked for the restrictions imposed on their travelling supporters to be lifted. Millwall could face stiffer penalties, including the closure of their ground. The disciplinary committee will discuss the evidence given by the police, the match officials and both clubs before delivering their verdict next Thursday.

Charlton's contribution concerns enjoyment. Seven years ago, after seeing youngsters demonstrate their extraordinary skills during the intervals of World Cup ties in Argentina, he felt that youths in England should be encouraged to develop the same art "while having some fun at the same time".

The idea first came to fruition in 1981, when a two-day course in Carlisle attracted 600, and has grown so rapidly that more than 15,000 have visited "the Bobby Charlton Sports Schools" this year. Yesterday the TSB Bank donated £75,000 to help widen the scheme which is to embrace 11 different activities with top professionals acting as coaches.

"I just want the kids to come, have a laugh and fall in love with sport", Charlton said. One of the leading figures in his press conference was the unlikely winner of a natural skills competition. He is Hung Dang, aged 13. Six years ago he was among those who escaped from Vietnam in a boat.

Hung Dang, who first took up the game when he was five, entered the regional event in Torquay where he now lives. He went on to take the trophy, awarded on the results of five disciplines, in the final that was staged on Old Trafford last Saturday. Yesterday, bemused by his sudden fame, he posed for photographers alongside Bryan Robson, the captain of Manchester United and England. And smiled.

Chelsea corner Everton in spite of losing their nerve

By Peter Ball

Everton	1
Chelsea	2

Despite playing the last 25 minutes with 10 men after their defender, Wood had been sent off, an aggressive performance took Chelsea through to meet Queen's Park Rangers in the quarter-finals of the Milk Cup. Last night a goal from McLaughlin 15 minutes from time brought a 2-1 victory in their fourth-round replay over a frustrated Everton.

The 2-2 draw at Stamford Bridge in the first match had provided plenty of incident and the replay quickly picked up the drama with two goals in the opening eight minutes. In the match programme Howard Kendall had complained about his side's recent habit of conceding an early goal and they fulfilled his fears, falling behind after 61 seconds.

The simplicity of the opening would not have pleased the Everton manager. Speedie picking up a hasty clearance in the centre circle to send Dixon racing clear of Stevens. The finish was another matter. Although forced wide, the England forward drew Southall before clipping the ball home to perfection from an acute angle for his twentieth goal of the season.

Everton's response was purposeful and they drew level seven minutes later. Bracewell was fouled as he moved menacingly up the byline; Chelsea's respite was brief, Lineker meeting Steven's free kick to head home powerfully.

Those goals set the tone for the two teams to renew their combat with a will. With Richardson fitting in comfortably in place of Sheedy, who began a two-match suspension after his sending-off in the first game, Everton had more to say as they pressed forward from midfield with conviction.

As the heat of the battle intensified the impetuous Speedie was booked in the first half. The conflict was begining to take its physical toll. Bracewell went off for attention after a clash of heads with Spackman and as the half ended Steven was stretched out in the Chelsea penalty area after receiving Rougvie's close attention.

With Bracewell, apparently none the worse for his knock, proving the main influence, Everton continued to exert the greater pressure after the interval. But apart from a Sharp header to Steven's deep cross, they found little room for manoeuvre in a thickly populated penalty area. Chelsea produced the clearer opportunities, Dixon just failing to put away the best one as he beat Southall to a through ball.

Everton pressure, however, was stretching Chelsea's resistance to the limit and their nerve finally snapped when Wood was sent off for a fierce, high challenge on Van Den Hauwe, leaving them to face the last 25 minutes with 10 men.

It was the third sending-off in matches between the two teams this season. Chelsea's response was astonishing. McLaughlin putting them back in front from a rare corner.

EVERTON: N Southall; A Harper, P Van Den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, G Stevens, A Heath, T Steven, G Lineker, G Sharp, P Bracewell, K Richarson.
CHELSEA: E Neidzwiecki; D Wood, D Rougvie, C Pates, J McLaughlin, K Jones, P Nevin, N Spackman, K Dixon, D Speedie, J Murphy.
Referee: K Hackett (Sheffield).



Master class: Hung Dang, aged 13, a Vietnamese refugee, meets Bobby Charlton, as the winner of his football skills contest

Hateley's injury a blow for AC

Milan, (Reuter) – AC Milan will face UEFA Cup opponents Waregem of Belgium tonight without a vital element of their three-pronged attack, the England striker Mark Hateley who limped off during the 2-0 defeat at Napoli on Sunday.

But striker Pietro Paolo Virdis is making a good recovery from a thigh strain and is expected to return to the attack alongside the World Cup forward Paolo Rossi as Milan bid to build on the 1-1 draw they achieved in the first leg.

Milan chairman Giussy Farina, angered at what he called uneven refereeing in Milan's recent league games, said it was incredible that Hateley had not been awarded a single penalty so far this season.

"Hateley comes off the field black and blue, and I'm sure it's not his wife who beats him", Farina told reporters.

Even without the powerful Englishman, Waregem will have enough work containing Rossi, who returned to form 10 days ago with two crucial goals against Internazionale, and Virdis, who grabbed what could turn out to be the crucial away goal in Belgium.

Critics were on the point of writing off Rossi who broke his leg within weeks of arriving at Milan after a disappointing season with the European champions Juventus.

But the slender hero of Italy's 1982 World Cup triumph struck in each half in the Milan derby, reminding the national team manager Enzo Bearzot that at 29 he could still be a vital man in Mexico next year.

Waregem beat Molenbeek 1-0 on Saturday to move into fifth place in the Belgian first division thanks to a goal by Zaire striker Lubila Mutombo. He will be flanked by Danny Veyt, the first division's second top goalscorer with a tally of 13 and scorer of Waregem's first-leg goal.

Veyt said Waregem were not intimidated by the need to beat Milan, or at least achieve a scoring draw, in front of a large partisan crowd in the San Siro stadium and added: "It will be hard, but not impossible."

Borussia Moenchengladbach take on holders Real Madrid in the EUFA Cup knowing that of all the teams in Europe perhaps only the Spaniards could regard the task of retrieving a 5-1 deficit with genuine hope.

Madrid's towering reputation as a European soccer power has already put Borussia on the defensive before they defend their big lead in the third round second leg match.

Borussia's midfielder Uwe Rahn, expected to be a major influence on the match, said: "The game will be a defensive battle for us. Real, with 100,000 fans behind them, will attack relentlessly and we must hold out."

Injuries and suspensions have created selection problems for both teams.

Borussia will be without sweeper Hans-Guenter Bruns, who is suspended. They will, though, have Wilfred Hannes in the side, the defender having responded to treatment on a calf muscle strain sustained in a disappointing 1-1 draw against Stuttgart on Saturday.

Although Saturday's 4-0 win over bottom side Celta kept them at the top of the league, Real are in no better shape.

Mexican forward Hugo Sanchez, back Iguel Chendo and the midfield player Rafael Gordillo are all suspended. Gordillo as a result of being sent off in the first leg.

With star Emilio Butragieno in poor form, Real are pinning their hopes of repeating last year's dramatic UEFA victory over Belgium's Anderlecht – 0-3 in the first leg, 6-1 in the second – on Argentine Jorge Valdano and the veteran striker Carlos Santillana, who scored once against Celta.

Cologne believe the reunion of the forward Klaus Allofs and the winger Pierre Littbarsky against Hammarby of Sweden will guarantee the West German club's entry into the quarter-finals.

Cologne trail 2-1 after the first-leg of the third round tie, played on a snow-covered pitch in Stockholm, but they are confident they now have the firepower to crack the Swedes.

Allofs, top scorer in West Germany last season, has been plagued by injury this autumn but he returned at the weekend to score in the 2-2 draw at Eintracht Frankfurt.

Littbarski missed that game through suspension. But he will be back tomorrow and on his day is capable of tormenting the Swedish back four with his mazy dribbling.

Hammarby will be severely handicapped in their attempts to stop this rampaging duo by a shortage of match practice, as their league season finished more than two months ago.

But they can take encouragement from Cologne's notorious unpredictability and Littbarski's inconsistency.

Despite the undisputed class of their strikers and of Harald Schumacher, one of Europe's best goalkeepers, Cologne languish in ninth place in the league, 10 points behind leaders Werder Bremen.

They desperately need cash from UEFA Cup success so they can offer Littbarski a new contract next summer and block his anticipated departure to Italy.

Cologne have no injury worries, but trainer Hannes Loehr has threatened to drop the international midfield player Stephan Engels for neglecting his defensive duties.

Hammarby should be at full strength. The team's key player, libero Sten-Ove Ramberg, an experienced former international, should have recovered from a foot injury which stopped him training with the team in the Netherlands.

Coach sure Soviets will shine in Mexico

Moscow, (Reuter) – The Soviet Union, bouyant after four successive home wins, are confident of making a shining impression on the World Cup finals in Mexico next year.

Their chief coach, Eduard Malofeyev, believes his team are now capable of taking on the best teams in the world – and beating them. "We are as good as the rest," he said. "I know we'll do as well as anyone."

Malofeyev took over the ailing Soviet squad in May 1984 and transformed them into a strong and well-drilled outfit, although they suffered a series of reverses in the process.

The Soviet Union began the long haul to Mexico with an ignominous defeat by Ireland in Dublin. Things went from bad to worse and earlier this year they were floundering at the foot of the European qualifying group six, with only four points in five matches.

"I am an optimist by nature. I never for one minute lost faith that we would qualify. But I knew it was going to be difficult," Malofeyev said.

Malofeyev, aged 43, said he never thought of resigning during the dark days of June after the Soviet Union had lost 4-2 to Denmark in Copenhagen, despite criticism in the state press and hostility and impatience among the football-mad Soviet public.

He said he was never under any pressure from the sports committee, the body which runs all Soviet sport. "But I, myself, was ashamed that we were not doing well. Our group was strong, but we were the strongest."

Malofeyev, who played for the Soviet Union in the 1966 World Cup finals in England, acknowledged that a 1-0 home win over West Germany last August marked the turning point in their fortune. "The Germans are one of the strongest footballing nations. We really respect them. That win gave us a much needed psychological boost," he said.

The Soviet team followed that surprise win with victories over Denmark, Ireland and Norway to secure the runner-up position behind Denmark in group six. But their away performances have been consistently poor. "Yes, our results away have not been good, but I think we are now breaking down that barrier," he said.

Officials on the Sports committee said they had already organized about 10 friendly matches for 1986, including fixtures with Spain, England, Finland and Romania. But, significantly, no matches against South American are planned.

Malofeyev agreed that the altitude in Mexico would cause problems, but said 10 days would be enough for the team to acclimatise. He said he had great respect for the strength of the teams in the competition.

"The competition is very strong, especially the Latin Americans", he said, naming Brazil, West Germany, France and Argentina as the strongest. Italy, the holders, are still strong but beyond their peak, he said.

Malofeyev declines to single out the potential leading players of the Mexico finals. "The most athletic teams will do best in Mexico. I am against people talking all the time about stars. The team is the only star", he said.

Last night's results

FA CUP: Second round replays: Bury 2, Tranmere 1; Rochdale 2, Scunthorpe 1; Slough 2, Orient 3; Walsall 2, Port Vale 1; Wigan 4, Runcorn 0; Wrexham 0, Notts County 3.
MILK CUP: Fourth round replay: Everton 1, Chelsea 2.
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Clydebank 2, Aberdeen 1.

A Cambridge winner in the Oxford bag

By Ivo Tennant

Not the least of the factors favouring Oxford at the outset of the 102nd University football match, to be played at Wembley this afternoon is that they have on their side a triple Cambridge Blue who scored in Cambridge's 4-2 victory last year.

He is Gareth Harper, a medical student, who also possesses two hockey blues. He plays in the centre of midfield, which is Oxford's strong point: 11 out of the 16 goals they have scored in 13 matches this season have come from midfield players.

Oxford, who include eight Blues, are at full strength; by contrast Cambridge are without their sweeper, Rentoul, a Blue.

CAMBRIDGE: M D Potts (capt) (Haberdashers' Aske's and Queens'); A M Scurling (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall), G Baker (Wolverhampton GS and St Catharine's), S Lant (Heaton Comprehensive and Selwyn), R P Girdlestone (Hampton School and St John's), G C Bell (Queen Elizabeth GS, Gainsborough and St Catharine's), A Earl (Wymondham College, Norfolk and Trinity), B Randell (Reddan Court and Downing), C M Elliott (Forest School and Girton), S D S Rouse (Corsham and Robinson), C P Evans (Wolverhampton GS and Fitzwilliam).

OXFORD: S Crumett (Manchester GS and St Edmund Hall); G Box (capt) (Maidstone GS and Oriel), I King (Bluecoat, Liverpool and Queen's), D Taylor (Burnley Habergham High School and Christchurch), B Aitkenhead (Corsham GS and Corpus Christi), D Smith (Bradfield and New College), G V Link (Hampton School and Pembroke), G Harper (Abingdon School and St Edmund Hall), A Bird (St Albans and Queen's), I Gezidis (Manchester GS and St Edmund Hall), D Hunter (Queen Elizabeth GS, Blackburn and Oriel).

Midfield propels North to victory

Schools Football
By George Chesterton

The North beat the South 2-0 at Wolverhampton, with both goals coming in the last 10 minutes. A fast, hard game as played in an excellent spirit, with much skill in evidence.

North were particlarly strong in midfield, with their three QEGS Blackburn players working well together. Watson was especially impressive. It is no surprise that QEGS have lost only one match this season.

What the South defence lacked in skill they made up in courage. The goalkeeper Dryer, of Chignell, had good positional sense and survived many anxious moments, but South's main strength lay up front. Camparini, of Victoria College although injured, displayed his talent and Isheerwood showed speed and control. Last week, Isherwood scored three times in helping Wellingborough to a victory over Brentwood and Highgate.

Barnes supported well and can be proud of the fact that he has seen Eton through an exceptional season: they were undefeated, winning 14 matches, and lifted the Berkshire Cup. Crawley, of MGS, marshalled the North defence so effectively that it was rarely penetrated, but in goal Skelton, of Shrewsbury, had opportunities to show his ability and pulled off two excellent saves.

Ten minutes before the end, a hard corss by Willetts was headed into the corner of the net by Rix, giving Dryer no chance, and there was nothing he could do either when Willetts slammed home the secondd five minutes later from a few yards out.

The Nort also proved the better side in an under-16 match, which they won 5-1.

Two teams have been selected to represent the Public Schools FA on December 19, at the Bank of England round, Roehampton.

A XI: G dryer (Chigwell); F Reid (QEGS), M Crawley (MGS), S Round (Bolton), M Carpenter (Chigwell), P Allen (Wolverhampton), N Watson (QEGS), P Wood (Brantwood), J Isherwood (Wellingborough), B Camparini (Victoria College), D Willetts (Bolton).

B XI: J Skelton (Shrewsbury); J Evans (Wolverhampton), R Butler (Forest), T Jones (Kings Chester), J Stobbs (QEGS), G Taylor (QEGS), N Bramley (KES Witley), N Gadbois (Hampton), C Zis (MGS), P Rix (MGS), C Barnes.

● FRANKFURT The Australian World Cup player, Dave Mitchell, needs a groin operation and will not sign for Eintracht Frankfurt this season as expected. (Reuter report).

BADMINTON

Indonesians and illness may trouble Baddeley

By Richard Eaton

Steve Baddeley, the national champion, is the first Englishman to be seeded to reach the semi-finals of one of the world's top three singles events since the game went open in 1979. If he justifies it by reaching the last four of the Pro-Kennex world grand prix finals which start today in Tokyo it will be arguably the most notable English achievement since Ralph Nichols reached the semi-finals of the All-England championships in 1939.

Whether or not the left-hander has sufficiently recovered from the dysentery contracted while winning the Indian Open two months ago is both debatable and crucial. Baddeley may be tall and physically strong, but he is not always constitutionally robust; viruses have been known to lay him low for a long time in the past, and doubts remain that he will be resilient enough to get past the three fine players in his group: Lius Pongoh, the Indonesian, who won the Taipei Masters, Sze Yu, the Australian, who won the Scottish Open and Torben Carlsen, the Danish national champion.

Curiously, another Dane, Morten Frost, the title-holder, who recently came to live close to Baddeley's Enfield home, has also been unwell. An X-ray scan showed a worrying spot on his chest, but Frost is determined to hang on to a title that he won with one of the great performances of all time, against Liem Swie King, the Indonesian, in Kuala Lumpur.

This was only the second time that a European had beaten a leading Asian in a leading event in the humidity of Asia. Since then Frost has lost his All-England title to Zhao Jianhua and failed to win the world title against Han Jian, another Chinese player. The loss of a further major title would therefore be a severe blow to his morale. Hun Jian is again his projected opponent in the final.

Darren Hall, the British Under-21 champion, is in Frost's group and Steve Butler, the England No 3, is Han Jian's; while England's No 2, Nick Yates, could be a testing opponent for fourth-seeded Misbun Sidek of Malaysia.

England's representation of seven players – with Helen Troke, Gillian Gowers and Fiona Elliott all qualifying for the women's event – is bigger than for any other country. However, it is hard to see even the determination of Miss Troke, the European champion, making an impression on the seeded Chinese quartet of Li Lingwei, Han Aiping, Wu Jianqui and Zheng Yuli.

BASKETBALL: Homespare Bolton have transfer-listed Jim Macauley, their most expensive signing who joined them from Sunderland last season. Macauley, an English international and twice a member of Sunderland's winning teams at Wembley, is surplus to requirements

BOXING

Andries can count on a swing refined in Dixie

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

It is not easy to follow light-heavyweights like Harvey, Mills, Turpin, Finnegan and Conteh. Perhaps that is why the earnest endeavours of Dennis Andries, of Hackney, have gone unrecognized and he is not one of the better known British champions today. A couple of rum dos with Bunny Johnson and Tom Collins did not much help his reputation.

But it could all change tonight when Andries challenges Alex Blanchard, of the Netherlands, for the European light-heavyweight title at the London West Hotel. He could add a record sixth title to the present British haul.

Andries has never been most elegant of boxers, mainly relying on getting his head down and sailing into his opponents with both hands and not being averse to bulling them out of the ring if need be. But his manager, Greg Steene, believing that his destructive powers could be more efficiently harnessed, sent him to Lafayette, in Louisiana, last summer to work under Bean Williford. If the American has been successful we could also have a live world title contender.

Williford, who has been here for the last three weeks putting the finishing touches to his preparation, said yesterday: "He was a crude arm puncher when he came to us but he has turned into a very good fighter. We have smoothed out the rough edges and tried to add some finesse to his boxing. He has better balance and hand position and knows how to put power into his punches."

In the United States he sparred with a variety of boxers. According to Williford "stylish boxers, runners, hitters, fast guys, crafty ones – men like James Quick Tillis, Willie DeWit, Bobby Jennings, Jerome Clouden, Leroy Murphy and John Collins."

The 6ft 4in Dutchman has enough boxing ability and a good right to make life difficult for Andries, who is a short light-heavy. Andries, who has been stopped only once, by David Pearce, the former British heavyweight champion, hopes to use his power and durability to pressure Blanchard into a position to unleash his new-found power to the body. One hopes that Andries has learnt how to cut the ring down.

Williford said "I know Blanchard is a good boxer in the All mould, well, a bit like that, and has good balance and fast hands. But Dennis is very strong. He can go 50 rounds. I think he will knock Blanchard out."

The Dutchman will no doubt use his height and reach and boxing to lead Andries a dance for a points victory, but once Andries gets into the swing he is unlikely to let Blanchard waltz away. He can take heart from the fact that Jose Seys, of Belgium, gave him no trouble, floored Blanchard before bin stopped. Andries is not likely to let him off like Seys.

ATHLETICS

Sponsors step into line with the lower ranks

By Pat Butcher

Sponsors are beginning to appreciate the problem of rewarding the top athletes and ignoring the second rank. Fortunately, some of the repercussions of Zola Budd's £90,000 pay-out have been positive. Mobil recognized the warning signs when they announced last week an increase in subsidiary prize-money for next year's IAAF Grand Prix circuit. Now adidas and Mars have introduced prize-money for the half-marathon series which, as co-sponsors, they inaugurated last summer.

Steve Anders, of St Helens, won the first series, earning a trip to Bermuda next month for warm weather training. But he appreciates how a potential £2,000 individual prize-money (out of £25,000 overall) could help an emerging talent like himself measure up against full-time athletes.

Anders said: "At the moment I'm doing the sort of training, a hundred miles a week or more, as the internationals do. But, having to do a full day's work as well (he is an engineer with Merseyside Council), that means I have to train early morning and evenings, both in the dark. Any sort of reward could lead to thinking about working part-time".

But Anders will be thinking more about making his mark on the track next year. "I was delighted to win the half-marathon series this year, and I shall be competing again in 1986. But I shall be using it mainly as part of my preparations for the 10,000 metres trials for the European championships and the Commonwealth Games".

Edberg selected

Munich (Reuter) – The newly crowned Australian open champion, Stefan Edberg, has been chosen for Sweden's Davis Cup final team, to play West Germany here next week. He is joined by the man he beat to take the Australian title, Mats Wilander. Anders Jarryd and Jonkiro Nystrom complete the line-up.

SPORTS POLITICS

Minister to act on plight in schools

By John Goodbody

Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, is to inquire into the decline of major team sports in State schools. Yesterday he met a delegation from the Central Council of Physical Recreation and agreed to discuss the plight of cricket, football and Rugby Union with the education authorities.

Mr Tracey was told the delegation, which included Peter May, representing the Cricket Council, Ron Teanick (Rugby Football Union) and Charles Hughes (Football Association) that team sports had been harmed by the deterioration of facilities, inadequate qualifications of sports teachers and apathy towards games by educational staff.

Hughes, the director of coaching at the FA, reported that in 300 schools surveyed only 12 per cent had any sports programme for the ages of 17 and 18 and in only one per cent was it compulsory. Both parties agreed that a further reason was that many schools offered an unprecedented choice of sports.

But Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, said: "There is now a battery of options. It is too wide and too nutty. Many are not supervised by teachers and as a result no one is getting really good."

Lawson agreed that financial stringency in education was harming individual sports. "The Welsh Schools Swimming Association have complained that because of cutbacks in transport many children did not even see a swimming pool, let alone learn to swim."

One result was that independent schools were again becoming dominant in several sports. In 1974 the England Schools Rugby Union squad consisted of 19 boys from State and six from independent schools. This year the numbers have been reversed.

ROWING

Rowers must pay more to bail out the ARA

By Richard Burnell

The financial agonies of the Amateur Rowing Association, bereft of sponsorship for international rowing, overspent by some £40,000 on last year's budget and struggling to find savings or additional income to the tune of nearly £100,000 in order to qualify for Sports Council grant next year, hung over the ARA Council's four-hour meeting in London yesterday.

At times the debate sounded oddly Liverpudlian, with chairman Neil Thomas, who hails from that part of the world, himself demanding whether the Council wished next year's budget to be balanced or not.

In the end it was agreed that the club affiliation subscription should increase by 5 per cent. The Regatta levy, which is the tax on all regatta entries, and the main source of present internal income, will rise from 70p to 90p per competitor, and the regatta affiliation fee from £5 to £10.

On the international side, provision for national crews is to be reduced by £20,000, which is hardly encouraging in a year in which the strongest possible team has to be fielded for the World Championship, taking place on home waters at Nottingham next August, as well as an England team for the Commonwealth Games.

Thus far the deliberation was rational if frenetic. But the gap could only be closed in the end by writing in unspecified savings in the provision for headquarters services. As this was £10,000 more than the executive committee had recommended as the maximum realistic saving attainable, it seems that the ARA will wing their way into 1986 on prayers rather than songs.

To sugar the pill for the clubs and regattas who have been highly critical of the ARA's services, council promise an urgent review of the whole structure and working practice of rowing's governing body.

In the longer term and on a more hopeful note, the LRA will investigate a possibility of introducing an individual registration scheme as the main source of tax income in the future. This should distribute the burden more equitably and because of the large number of oarsmen and women now involved in the sport, could dramatically increase income. It should also have administrative advantages.

In the meantime, hopes for securing the national squad's future seems to depend on the level of Sports Council grant. There are rumours of more generous provisions aimed at bolstering preparations for the 1988 Olympics. If this materialises in time, the prospects will look less bleak.

GOLF

Milne is cleared

Willie Milne, the former Walker Cup golfer and tournament professional, was cleared of allegations of cheating by the PGA executive committee at The Belfry yesterday. The allegations against him were found to be not proven.

Milne, 34, was called before the committee following allegations by amateurs playing alongside him in a Pro-Am tournament at Routenburn in October. The three amateurs involved failed to notify their allegations to a PGA official before signing their card for the tournament, but made them in writing over a week after the tournament, which necessitated the PGA inquiry.

The three amateurs and a caddie who also complained did not give evidence before the executive committee after their request for the PGA to pay air fares from Scotland to Birmingham was refused. The PGA offered rail fares and out of pocket expenses.

In a statement yesterday, PGA executive director Colin Snape reminded all amateurs in Pro-Am tournaments of their responsibilities under the rules of golf before signing a card, and reiterated the PGA policy that any allegations regarding professionals should be made at the time of the alleged offence.

Langer puts on the Ritz for another title

Bernhard Langer, the US Masters champion, was named the European golfer of the year yesterday. He beat the Open champion, Sandy Lyle, for the award which will be presented by the Ritz Club.

He will receive the Ritz Club Charity Trophy and a 66-piece set of Waterford Crystal following the meeting of a panel of former champions and golf writers in London.

In addition to winning the US Masters, Langer triumphed in the Sea Pines Heritage Classic in America and also took the European and German Opens, plus the Australian Masters.

The German also beat Lanny Wadkins the US golfer of the year, for the Sun City title in South Africa last Sunday.

The Ritz Club will donate £20,000, which will be equally split between the Golf Foundation and the PGA European Tour benevolent fund.

IN BRIEF

● Mark Perrett, who broke his left leg in two places at Fontwell Park in September, hopes to resume riding at the week-end. He as been riding out for the last ten days and passed the Jockey Club doctor at Plumpton yesterday.

● Forgive 'N Forget, who runs in the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock today, has been supported from 11-2 to 9-2 with Corals to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup for the second successive season.

● Corals make Righthand Man 6-1 favourite for the Welsh Grand National. Other prices 8 Planetman, Rhyme n' Reason, 9 Peaty Sandy, 10 Bright Dream, 12 Androma, Smith's Man, 14 Glyde Court, Hallo Dandy.

● Paul Nicholls, who broke his left collar-bone in a fall from Solid Oak at Nottingham on Saturday, hopes to be back in action in a fortnight's time to ride Broadheath in the Welsh National.

Farmer's yield

A Herefordshire farmer, David Hall, fulfilled his ambitions to become a racing driver by proving his skills at Silverstone. He is the first recipient of the new Silverstone racing school scholarship awarded to him after a fine all-round performance in the saloon and single seater at the weekend's deciding contest. The award is valued at £33,000.

● Russell Townsend, the former Barnet and Northampton Town midfield player, has left Finchley to join another Vauxhall-Opel League club, Harrow Borough.

Yesterday's results

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: QPR 3, Fulham 0; Swindon 3, Crystal Palace 2; Chelsea 0, Norwich 2.



Hateley: injury keeps him out

Derby end Telford dream

For the second time in three years Derby have ended the FA cup giantkilling run of non-league Telford.

In 1983 it was by 3-0 in the fourth round, on Monday it was by an even more crushing 6-1 in the second round.

The Gola league side, who reached the last 16 last season before bowing out to mighty Everton, had hopes of making it ten league scalps in four years

Kenny McKenna, kept up his goal-a-game average by equalising John Gregory's opener for Derby, but in the second half Telford were torn apart.

Winger Jeff Chandler hit a hat-trick to take his talling for the season to 13 and Gary Micklewhite netted the other two to give Derby a third round trip to Gillingham, two points above them in the third division promotion race.

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Pickard emerges as the Brian Clough of the tennis court

Sydney

It is not entirely a coincidence that Tony Pickard is a good friend and occasional squash partner of Brian Clough. Pickard, who has emerged as the driving force behind the new Australian Open champion, Stefan Edberg, is a man of forthright opinions which do not always please the establishment.

Like the manager of Nottingham Forest, Pickard, a native of Clough's adopted city, has always preferred to be out there in Sherwood Green, firing the occasional arrow at the sheriffs of British sport.

The fact that he has remained an outsider, if not exactly an outlaw, as far as the Lawn Tennis Association are concerned has more to do with his personality than his talent. The man who must now be rated among the most successful coaches in international tennis has never taken the necessary steps to become a qualified LTA coach, which is a crying shame, considering the poverty of top-class instruction in Britain.

Like Clough, Pickard is a hard-taskmaster who does not list diplomacy high among his requirements when talking about developing winners at international level. "Just when you think you're doing rather well, you have to go out and bust your guts to reach the next level," Pickard said.

Edberg discovered precisely what Pickard meant when he returned to his home in London from a successful American tour last October. At Pickard's urging Edberg had continued on to California after the US Open. And after losing narrowly in the final of the grand prix tournament in Los Angeles he had gone on to win the following week in San Francisco, annihilating Johan Kriek in 56 minutes in the final.

Pickard offered perfunctory congratulations and then said: "You're not fast enough. We've got to work on your mobility and speed. You'll never live with the McEnroes and Lendls unless you can move."

So Edberg found himself taken down to Queen's Club and put through several days of rigorous training by a man who has kept himself in good shape since those far-off days in the late Fifties when he was on the fringe of the British Davis Cup team.

It so happened that some British juniors were training on an adjoining court at the time. Out of the corner of his eye Pickard observed their routine. Had he felt it his place to voice an opinion on their work rate, it would not have been printable.

For Edberg the rewards have been swift. Obviously Pickard would not want to take credit for the 19-year-old Swede's overall development. He had already become the first player in history to achieve a junior grand slam – winning junior titles at the world's four major championships in 1983 – when Pickard first came into contact with him through a mutual affiliation with the Wilson Sporting Goods company.

Only last January Edberg took him on as his official coach and, although Pickard has not travelled with his new charge on a full-time basis, he has been able to eradicate the one fault that was threatening to impede Edberg's progress.



Pickard: hard taskmaster

LTA stay decorous

The Lawn Tennis Association have responded decorously to criticism by Tony Pickard, the English coach of the new Australian champion, Stefan Edberg.

The former Davis Cup captain described LTA officials as "pitiful and pathetic" before leaving Melbourne after Edberg's victory in the Australian Open. Pickard added: "What do you expect when such colourless people are put in charge of trying to find a Wimbledon champion?"

John James, the LTA secretary, said yesterday: "We are very pleased indeed at the success Tony Pickard has had with Stefan Edberg. It is a magnificent achievement. But we have every confidence in Paul Hutchins, our own national team manager, and it is up to him to appoint whatever training staff he feels he needs."

"Stefan had a tendency to let his head drop when things started to go against him," Pickard said. "People went on about a forehand weakness but it was the mental aspect that was far more serious. As he proved in Melbourne, he has got over that now."

This is Pickard's greatest achievement. He has the right kind of buoyant, optimistic outlook to counter the Bergmanesque gloom that can settle over some Swedes when the sun, either figuratively or literally, fades from their lives. Behind the shy facade Edberg has a quick wit and it was this side of his character that enabled him to feed off Pickard's upbeat yet demanding encouragement. In Melbourne especially, where form deserted him in the early rounds, Pickard's presence, both on and off the practice court, was invaluable.

Either the man himself or someone like him is what Paul Hutchins should be searching for to improve the outlook for British tennis. Apart from John Lloyd's good run at Kooyong, this has not been a happy Australian tour for the players sent out by the LTA. Jeremy Bates lost in the first round of the New South Wales Open here at White City yesterday to Wolfgang Popp, an eminently beatable German, while Nick Fulwood, who had done splendidly to beat Steve Denton in the last round of the qualifying, lost in three sets to Matt Doyle, whose position as ATP president cannot conceal the fact that he is ranked 215 in the world. Tony Pickard would not have considered it satisfactory.

Richard Evans

Seeds slip up in first round

Tokyo (Reuter) – Barbara Potter and Peanut Louie, two seeded Americans, suffered first round defeats in the Tokyo Open yesterday. Potter, the sixth-seed, was beaten 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 by Elizabeth Smylie, of Australia, while Louie, seeded eighth, was beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Ann Henricksson, also of the United States.

Carling Bassett and Stephanie Rehe swept into the second round with emphatic straight-set victories. Bassett, of Canada, the fifth seed, beat Christiane Jolissaint, of Switzerland, 6-2, 6-3 and Rehe, the seventh seed, outplayed her American compatriot Susan Mascarin 6-3, 6-3.

Lloyd makes an early exit

Sydney (Reuter) – Three veteran Australians rolled back the years with straight-set first round victories in the New South Wales Open yesterday. Mark Edmondson, 31, beat Tim Wilkison, of the United States, 6–2, 6–1, Peter McNamara, 30, defeated fellow-Australian John Frawley, 6–2, 7–5 and Kim Warwick, 33, overcame Bill Scanlon, the American, 7–6, 6–2.

Wilkison was one of two seeds to make an early exit. Britain's John Lloyd, the twelfth seed, conceded a straight-sets defeat to Danie Visser, of South Africa, in the second round. Lloyd, who reached the quarter-finals of the Australian Open last week, lost 6–3, 6–4.

RACING: SENIOR STEWARD IN FAVOUR OF SUNDAY FIXTURES

Fairhaven voices intent to win back the crowds

By Michael Seely

Lord Fairhaven has warned strongly about the danger to racecourse attendances posed by the televising of racing in betting shops early next year.

The text of a speech prepared by the senior steward of the Jockey Club at the traditional Gimcrack dinner in York last night also said that Sunday racing and more evening fixtures would help to bring the crowds back to race courses.

"Only in Britain among the major racing countries is the sport obliged to shut down at precisely the time the public may wish to come to watch it," Lord Fairhaven said. "All we want is the chance to give a new meaning to the Sunday afternoon nap."

Talking about the new legislation, he said: "We are under no illusions. Racecourse attendances will suffer. By how much will depend on how far the betting shops make use of their new freedom and, perhaps more importantly, on the extent of television coverage provided. Racing is already in the curious situation, shared by no other spectator sport, that much of it takes place before very small audiences solely in order to cater for national betting.

"A reduction in attendances at some courses would further undermine racing's status as a spectator sport rather than just a facility for betting. And at this gathering, I don't need to stress the destructive effect which low attendances could have on the SP betting structure.

"Some of what needs to be done lies within our own power: other changes require government intervention. But whatever means may need to be used, the ultimate aim must be, not just to combat any decline in attendances that might be caused by the improvement in betting shop facilities, but to seek actively to attract more people to live racing, and to make the spectator once more the focus of our sport. Racing cannot live by bets alone.

"To coax spectators to the racecourse means that we have to provide racing of a high standard, in comfortable conditions and at a time when people want to come.

"We know, for instance, that an expansion of evening racing would prove extremely popular with the race-going public. But under the existing arrangements we are unable to lay on those extra fixtures. The Jockey Club is addressing itself to the issue and talking to the other parties involved, and I hope that in the not too distant future the public will be provided with what it clearly wants. We believe that more evening racing will prove amply rewarding to the betting industry, and to the rest of racing.

"Sunday racing presents rather more complex problems. The Jockey Club has set up a working party under the chairmanship of the deputy senior steward, General Blacker, and including representatives from all relevant interests, to look into the possibility of introducing Sunday racing in Britain.

"The working party will report in the New Year and I have no intention of predicting or pre-judging its conclusions, but I can say that there is clear evidence that Sunday racing would prove popular with the racing public. It would, we believe, not only attract people who are already racegoers, but create a whole new market for a family day out. That certainly seems to have been the experience of Sunday racing in Ireland, which showed attendances doubled over the equivalent Saturday.

"If it were a question of the racing alone, I do not believe there would be any problems in staging meetings on Sunday, especially in the current favourable climate to other Sunday commercial activities. But there is, of course, also betting to be considered. Moreover, the extension of betting to Sundays would need Parliament to amend the 1963 Act."

Lord Fairhaven also hit out at the inadequate standard of catering on some racecourses.

"But all the evening or all the Sunday racing in the world will not bring the public to the racecourses in large numbers unless people can be assured of a comfortable day out, at prices they can afford with protection against the elements and adequate catering facilities. Too many courses offer few of these attractions. Long queues, understaffing of food and drink counters, exorbitant prices and the inevitability of the ice and lemon running out before the second race are only too common."

'Spectator should be focus of sport'

'Courses offer too few attractions'

Weights point to Earls Brig

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Forgive 'n' Forget, Wayward Lad and Earls Brig standing their ground for the Tommy Whittle Chase at Haydock Park today, visitors to the Lancashire track certainly have a treat in store. Between them they have already won seven races on the course, besides excelling elsewhere.

To make the race even more fascinating, it is quite possible to make out a case for each. However, Earls Brig, with only 10st 12lb, is the selection.

In last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup, he finished only four lengths behind Forgive 'n' Forget and today he will be meeting him on 12lb better terms. Earls Brig will also be meeting Wayward Lad on 8lb better terms than when he was beaten three lengths by him at Liverpool in the spring.

In the corresponding race 12 months ago, Forgive 'n' Forget was beaten a length by Gaye Chance when attempting to give that horse 4lb. While conceding that he did nothing but improve as the season progressed, I cannot help thinking that today's task is much harder.

With the conditions in his favour, Earls Brig has a chance second to none and he is sure to be much fitter than when he trailed in a long way behind Wayward Lad at Wetherby in November.

When Forgive 'n' Forget won the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase over today's course and distance three weeks ago, his task was made much easier when Wayward Lad collided with the rails and unseated Graham Bradley early on.

In the meantime, Wayward Lad has finished third behind Burrough Hill Lad and West Tip at Chepstow. I have a feeling that he is no longer quite the force he once was and I expect the finish to be fought out by Forgive 'n' Forget and Earls Brig with victory going to the latter.

No matter how they get on in the big race, Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mark Dwyer look to have a good chance of picking up at least one prize, the Ashton Novices' Hurdle, with Burrough Hill Lad's promising young half-brother, Artful Charley whose two runs at Nottingham and Wetherby so far have augured well.

In other races at Haydock, it should pay to follow Colin Hawkins, who rides Repington (1.30) and Green Gorse (2.30) for Neville Crump. Provided he puts in a clear round, Repington looks to have a simple task in the Ribble Novices' Chase.

Green Gorse has the harder job in the Waterloo Handicap Hurdle but there was much to admire about the way that he stuck to his task at the end of a 2½-mile slog through the mud at Newcastle recently and he is preferred to the Ayr winner, Centre Attraction.

Today's best bet is at Huntingdon where Waffy-Fryer is taken to continue Josh Gifford's good recent run in the Malden Timber EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier.

Talking about Waffy-Fryer recently, Gifford told me that he works like a good horse on the Findon gallops. There was certainly much to like about the way that he went of Sandown first time out this season when he scorched home by 12 lengths from a big field.

In that sort of form, he may well prove capable of giving 10lb to Timely Star.

Vodkatini (12.15) and Mount Bolus (1.45) are others that I fancy at Huntingdon. At Folkestone last month it was only by the narrowest of margins that Vodkatini went under to Golden Minstrel, who has won again since.

Mount Bolus ran really well in his last race really well in his last race at Newbury against Squires Jubilee, who may well have won again at Cheltenham last Friday had he not fallen at the last.

Course specialists

HAYDOCK

TRAINERS: Mrs M Dickinson, 28 winners from 72 runners, 40.3%; J Fitzgerald, 11 from 48, 22.9%; R Fisher, 6 from 70, 8.6%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 9 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; J J O'Neill, 15 from 84, 17.9%; P A Carrion, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

HUNTINGDON

TRAINERS: J Spearing, 6 winners from 31 runners, 19.3%; G Gandolfo, 12 from 62, 19.2%; J Gifford, 31 from 167, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 34 winners from 140 rides, 24.3%; P Barton, 16 from 68, 23.2%; H Davies, 11 from 69, 15.9%.



Foyle Fisherman is clear at the last at Plumpton yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Sun shines through on Dunn

By John Karter

For the first part of the afternoon Plumpton was shrouded in such a thick blanket of fog yesterday that more than one bad case of eye strain was reported among bookmakers, straining to see into their satchels to count the mounting lolly.

There were many people, jockeys included, who were amazed that racing was allowed to go ahead. The terse comment of Robert Stronge, rider of the first winner, Golden Hornet – "You've just got to guess where the fences are," – graphically explained the eerie hazard riders faces.

Kenneth Dunn, a Devon farmer and permit holder, had not a clue about the appalling conditions when he set off with two horses on the long haul from North Tawton. The sun was shining when he left, he said, and it continued to do so metaphorically for him throughout the rest of the day.

He drove back to the West Country with his dynamic duo, Golden Hornet and Sammy Lux, having galloped away with two tasty Plumpton prizes and providing him with his first double in four years of training.

Punters were even more in the dark than usual over Golden Hornet's win in the Galleano Challenge Cup – as indeed they were most of the afternoon with only one favourite delivering the goods.

Golden Hornet is, according to Dunn, a temperamental madam and if she even gets sight of a whip she will, to use Dunn's words, "go from first to last in a few strides".

Stronge accordingly was instructed to use kid gloves but he needed the whip and a slice of luck to complete Dunn's double on Sammy Lux in the Scaynes Hill Novices' Chase. The gelding, whom Dunn had sent point-to-pointing last season to improve his jumping, showed the benefit of that course of action as he soared over the fences and led the field at a rare old gallop.

However, Yacare, the favourite, ridden by George Sloan, a Tennessee businessman and former English amateur champion, appeared to have Sammy Lux's measure as he raced into the lead between the last two fences. Sloan, over here for a month, had walked the course beforehand and appeared to have judged his run to perfection.

However, at the same time as Stronge conjured a renewed effort from Sammy Lux, Yacare dived to the left across his rival at the last fence and then veered right hampering him again on the run to the line.

The stewards's decision to disqualify Yacare surprised few people. Yet such is the luck Josh Gifford at the moment that inevitably he struck back when Aughra Boura took full advantage of the deplorable jumping of the favourite, Sutton Prince, to win the Injured Jockeys' Fund Chase.

HAYDOCK PARK

GOING: soft

1.0 STEWARDS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,105: 2m) (23 runners)

1	000/p3-	HA'PENNY NAP (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 7-11-11	A Brown
2	221-103	MR PONGEE (D) (F Storey) F Storey 10-11-7	B Storey
5	020-100	FINALE SEPT (D) (W Essom) H Fleming 5-11-6	M Pepper
6	061-003	WIGGBURN (D) (Mrs J Berry) Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-5	M Williams
7	0-00341	SOLITARIO (B) (D) (P Cowzes) B Preece 6-11-5 (5 ex)	P Miller 7
11	00/3	EYELIGHT (Mrs M Power) R Hollinshead 5-10-11	J O'Neill
12	0pp-2	ELUCIDATE (A Kay) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-11	Mr P Niven 7
15	0/10-1	HYDE (I Anderson) I Anderson 6-10-5	W Knox 4
17	00000/0	SWING TO ME (B) (Gwent Steel Ltd) M Pipe 5-10-8	P Leach
18	0/0-00	CHAIN OF REASONING (Miss U Pelizzoni) R Frost 7-10-7	J Frost
19	161-000	ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (D) (G Chipman) B Mehaffon 4-10-7	T Wall
20	343220-	CARLINGFORD LOUGH (Meehan & Cox Ltd) G W Richards 9-10-7	N Doughty
23	43/6Pp-	CARDUSER (D) (R Thompson) J Doyle 6-10-5	S Youlden 4
25	004-400	FATA MORGANA (Mrs P Pitt) Mrs P Pitt 10-10-5	J Sutnam
26	2000p/2	DUNSTALL (J Drewry) B Morgan 8-10-4	G Williams
29	0/p660-	ORYX MAJOR (D Vaughan) D Burchell 5-10-2	D J Burchell 7
31	u000-0	BRANKSOME TOWERS (Mrs V Ward) M Eckley 5-10-0	C Smith
32	0030p/p	LLACCA PADDY (M Eckley) M Eckley 10-10-0	A D'Hagan
34	0p26-4	PRINCE BUBBLY (B) (J Bennett) M Avison 4-10-0	-
35	0800/2	SPORT FOR CHOICE (W Chapman) D Chapman 7-10-0	S Keightley
36	04/04-3	GO LISSAVE (B) (Bailey) R Peacock 7-10-0	C Grant
37	0p-p	MICKY FOX (Mrs A Beard) T Taylor 4-10-0	-
39	00/0-03	SONIC JET (Miss P Kissock-Smith) R Peacock 7-10-0	P A Farrell 4

1984: Bold Roderick 5-9-10 N Coleman (12-1) D Burchell 18 ran.

100-30 Solitario, 4 Dunstall, 5 Mr Pongee, 13-2 Finale Sept, 8 Eyelight, 9 Carlingford Lough, 10 Swing To Me, Chain Of Reasoning, 12 Sport For Choice, 14 Orbital Manoeuvers, 16 others.

FORM: MR PONGEE (11-9) best effort when beating Clubdo (11-3) 3½ at Carmar (2m 1f Sell H'cap Hdle, £522, soft, Aug 24, 8 ran. FINALE SEPT (11-2) beat Red Nick (11-1) 2l at Market Rasen (2m Sell H'cap Hdle, £948, good to firm, Aug 5, 18 ran). SOLITARIO (11-9) beat Battle Master (11-0) 5l at Chepstow (2m 4f Sell Hdle, £877, good to soft, Nov 30, 14 ran). EYELIGHT (11-0) 1½l 2nd to Celtic Crackle (11-0) at Towcester (2m Nov Hdle, £545, good to firm, Nov 14, 9 ran). ELUCIDATE (11-0) 1¾l 2nd to Pasa Ashore (11-0) at Southwell (2m Sell Hdle, £581, good to firm Oct 31, 7 ran). CARLINGFORD LOUGH (11-0) 5l 2nd to Easterly Gale (11-7) at Bangor (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £1,220, firm, Aug 18, 7 ran). DUNSTALL (11-2) 2l 2nd to Tavercos (10-9) at Market Rasen (2m Sell H'cap Hdle, £583, soft, Nov 23, 15 ran). SPORT FOR CHOICE (10-1) 1l 2nd to Starshot (11-7) at Catterick (2m Sell H'cap Hdle, £736, good, Nov 23, 14 ran).

Selection: CARLINGFORD LOUGH.

Haydock selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Mr Pongee. 1.30 Repington. 2.0 Earls Brig. 2.30 Green Gorse. 3.0 Rivers Edge. 3.30 Artful Charley.

By Michael Seely

1.0 CHAIN OF REASONING (nap). 2.0 Forgive 'n' Forget. 2.30 Green Gorse.

1.30 RIBBLE NOVICE CHASE (£2,407: 2m 4f) (4)

1	004-311	REPINGTON (BF) (J Gilman) N Crump 7-11-5	C Hawkins
6	000-300	ANOTHER HALF (F Markland) D McCain 5-10-12	-
7	00/0000	CLONROCHE STREAM (M Thompson) W A Stephenson 8-10-12	Mr M Thompson 4
16	04/0-p4	HANACHOW (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 9-10-7	Mr C Bridgett

1984: Very Promising 8-10-12 P Scudamore (8-11 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran.

8-11 Repington, 4 Clonroche Stream, 5 Another Half, 13-2 Hanachow.

FORM: REPINGTON fell here behind Strath Leader last time, previously (10-10) beat Cape Flattery (10-10) 3l at Wetherby (3m Nov Ch, £2096, firm, Nov 2, 5 ran). ANOTHER HALF (10-7) a distance and 16½l 6th of 12 to Gaelic Way (10-8) at Southwell (3m Nov Ch, £985, good, Nov 19). CLONROCHE STREAM (11-0) tailed off and last of the 10 finishers behind Duncome Prince (11-6) at Hexham (2m 4f Nov Ch, £1061, soft, Dec 4). HANACHOW (10-12) 35½l 4th to Athens Star (10-12) in a Wolverhampton Seller (2m H'cap Ch, £1887, hard, Nov 6, 7 ran).

Selection: REPINGTON.

2.0 TOMMY WHITTLE CHASE (£5,554: 3m) (4)

1	21211-1	FORGIVE 'N FORGET (CD) (T Kitroe & Sons Ltd)	J FitzGerald 8-11-10 M Dwyer
2	201-1u3	WAYWARD LAD (CD) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 10-11-5	G Bradley
4	3191/0	JUST FOR THE CRACK (G Wiles) K Bailey 7-11-2	P Croucher
6	0/1132-3	EARLS BRIG (CD) (W Hamilton) W Hamilton 10-10-12	P Tuck

1984: Gaye Chance 9-10-12 S Morshead (7-4 fav) Mrs M Rimell 6 ran.

4-5 Forgive 'N Forget, 2 Earls Brig, 4 Wayward Lad, 14 Just For The Crack.

FORM: FORGIVE 'N FORGET (12-0) made successful reappearance when beating Richdee (10-7) 8l, while WAYWARD LAD (12-0) collided with a running rail and unseated rider here (3m H'cap Ch, £8,908, good, Nov 20, 3 ran). On final outing last season FORGIVE 'N FORGET (12-0) beat Righthand Man (12-0) 1¾l, to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup with EARLS BRIG (12-0) another 2½l back in 3rd and WAYWARD LAD (12-0) 5th (3m 2f Ch, £52,560, good, Mar 14, 15 ran). WAYWARD LAD (11-8) on latest start 3l, 3rd to Burrough Hill Lad (11-12) with JUST FOR THE CRACK (11-0) a well beaten last of 5 at Chepstow (3m Ch), while on seasonal debut WAYWARD LAD (11-6) easy 2½l scorer from Allertea (11-2) with EARLS BRIG (11-2) another 20l back in 3rd at Wetherby (3m Ch, 10,458, firm, Nov 2, 4 ran).

Selection: EARLS BRIG

2.30 WATERLOO HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,948: 2m 4f) (16)

1	000-044	EBORACUM (D) (Mrs A Harker) B Wilkinson 7-11-10	M Dwyer
2	011000-	CRAMMOND BRIG (W Jackson) M W Easterby 8-11-5	P Tuck
5	2133/0-	JOHNSTON'S BABY (F McKevitt) E Alston 6-10-12	K Doolan 4
6	000-001	CENTRE ATTRACTION (N Mason) G W Richards 5-10-12 (9 ex)	N Doughty
9	0100p-0	MITILINI (D) (J Taylor) BPreece 5-10-7	J J O'Neill
10	321-110	HALF ASLEEP (CD) (BF) (N Hamerton) W Elsey 4-10-5	P A Farrell 6
11	2-0	KILROY MANOR (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 9-10-4	P Caldwell 7
13	04-0021	GREEN GORSE (D) (R Green) N Crump 5-10-4 (5 ex)	C Hawkins
15	42a100	BILLILOW (D) (W Lowe) Denys Smith 4-10-2	C Grant
16	0p1-03	SULTAN ZAMAN (J Etherton) J Wilson 4-10-1	S Charlton
17	2/22-4f	SIR LUCKY (P Brown) B McMahon 6-10-0	T Wall
18	1424-03	VITRIOLIC (D) (R Hunter) R Fisher 5-10-0	-
21	021401-	BICKERSTAFFE (D) (J Griffin) M W Easterby 4-10-0	A Stringer
22	0400-01	SECRET WALK (Hathaway Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 4-10-0 (5 ex)	K Jones
23	2-00p00	NOT EASY (CD) (Mrs A Page) W A Stephenson 5-10-0	J O'Gorman 7
24	00/061-	KUSHNOOR (A Grayson) S Wiles 5-10-0	C Pimlott

1984: Triple Jump 4-10-7 P Scudamore (12-1) G Thorner 14 ran.

11-4 Half Asleep, 100-30 Centre Attraction, 5 Sultan Zaman, 13-2 Green Gorse, 8 Eboracum, 9 Crammond Brig, 10 Vitriolic, 12 Secret Walk, 16 others.

FORM: HALF ASLEEP (10-0) below form when 11¾l 6th to Super Express (10-0) at Sandown; earlier (10-5) beat Tiptonian (10-3) 3l with VITRIOLIC (10-10) 4l further back in 3rd. NOT EASY (10-0) a distant 11th and KILROY MANOR (11-1) well beaten 13th, here (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £1,472, good, Nov 21, 19 ran). GREEN GORSE (10-6) beat Scarlet Terror (10-11) 3¾l at Newcastle; earlier (10-0) 3l 2nd to Prescott (10-5) with EBORACUM (12-0) 12l away 4th, Newcastle (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £958, good, Nov 15, 13 ran). Billilow (10-0) best effort when beating Kumon Sunshine (10-2) 4l at Sedgefield (2m 4f H'cap Hdle, £1,030, good to firm, Oct 22, 7 ran). SIR LUCKY (10-13) fell behind Derrycrsha Lass (10-10) last time; earlier (11-7) promising 7l 4th to Silver Mail (11-7) at Stratford (2m H'cap Hdle, £1,173, good to firm, Sept 7, 6 ran). SECRET WALK (10-3) beat Jody's Boy (11-2) 5l at Hexham (2m H'cap Hdle, £1,950, soft, Dec 4, 11 ran).

Selection: HALF ASLEEP.

3.0 BOSTON PIT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,723: 2m) (3)

5	12203-6	GEMELEK (D) (P Carter) J Old 9-11-7	G Bradley
7	4/0-43	POLARS' LADDIE (R) (Goldie) R Goldie 12-10-13	B Storey
8	111122	RIVERS EDGE (D) (D Knights) Denys Smith 7-10-13	C Grant

1984: Jo Colomoo 9-11-7 S Morshead (9-4) Mrs W Sykes 4 ran.

11-8 Rivers Edge, 7-4 Gemelek, 3 Polars Laddie.

FORM: GEMELEK (10-9) 28l 5th to Troutena (10-0) on seasonal debut at Chepstow (2m H'cap Ch, £1,870, good to soft, Nov 30, 9 ran), last successful when (10-13) beating Bickleigh Bridge (10-9) a head at Devon (2m 1f H'cap Ch, £1,837, Jan 1, heavy, 8 ran). POLARS LADDIE (10-0) 7l 3rd to easy winner Final Argument (11-8) at Ayr (2m 4f H'cap Ch, £2,012, good to soft, Nov 23, 9 ran). RIVERS EDGE (11-5) stayed on to be 2½l 2nd to Villerstown (11-5) at Wetherby (2m H'cap Ch, £2,280, good, Nov 26, 5 ran).

Selection: RIVERS EDGE

3.30 ASHTON NOVICE HURDLE (£1,266: 2m 4f) (16)

1	121212	VINO FESTA (D) (J Devey) R Perkins 8-11-6	Dai Williams
2	030-01	DAD'S GAMBLE (C Alexander) R Fisher 4-10-13	-
3	1230	GRANVILLE PARK (C Murphy) Mrs M Dickinson 4-10-13	G Bradley
6	000-f3	ANOTHER NORFOLK (N Smith) B McMahon 4-10-7	NON-RUNNER
7	3-4	ARTFUL CHARLEY (H Griffin) J FitzGerald 5-10-7	M Dwyer
11	0	BORDER RAMBLER (R Tyner) G W Richards 5-10-7	P Tuck
12		CITY ENTERTAINER (A Haddock) Mrs C Postlethwaite 4-10-7	P A Charlton
17	0-0	GONE WITH THE VET (T Knowles) J Jefferson 6-10-7	M Hill 7
18	003-000	HARLEY (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 5-10-7	P Barry
20	0	INDIAN RANGE (Mrs I. Sewell) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-7	D Browne
24	0	ROBKE'S DRIFT (K Long) J Old 5-10-7	-
28		SPRINGVALE BID (New Springvale Co-Op Ltd) R Fisher 4-10-7	-
31	4208-03	WATER CANNON (F Lee) F Lee 4-10-7	C Hawkins
32	0	ZULU DAWN (P Thompson) K Bailey 5-10-7	P Croucher
34	30040-0	GO ANNA GO (T Bailey) T Bailey 4-10-2	-
37	0	MOODY GIRL (BF) (R Buttery) R Hollinshead 4-10-2	J J O'Neill

1984: Cassio Lil 5-10-3 N Coleman (7-1) D Burchell 14 ran.

3 Granville Park, 100-30 Dad's Gamble, 9-2 Vino Festa, 13-2 Artful Charley, 8 Border Rambler, 10 Indian Range, 12 Water Cannon, 14 Moody Girl, 16 others.

VINO FESTA (12-1) 1l Hereford runner-up to Shacy Legacy (11-0) with GO ANNA GO (11-0) 18l back in 5th (2m Nov Hdle, £548, good to soft, Dec 3, 16 ran). DAD'S GAMBLE (10-12) beat Modtech (10-12) 2l at Ayr (2m Nov Hdle, £2,117, good to soft, Nov 22, 11 ran). GRANVILLE PARK (11-5) weakened in the closing stages when a 14½l 5th to Bromdell (11-8) at Wolverhampton earlier (11-9) 2l 3rd behind Dryfesheid (11-0) at Southwell (2m Nov Hdle, £2,013, good to firm, Oct 31, 9 ran). ARTFUL CHARLEY (10-12) 13l 4th to Dan The Midar (11-5) at Wetherby (2m Nov Hdle, £824, good, Nov 25, 25 ran). BORDER RAMBLER (11-0) never got into it when 17l 5th to Preacher's Gem (10-9) at Haydock. WATER CANNON (11-0) 12th of 18 (2m 4f Nov Hdle, £1,143, good, Nov 23). WATER CANNON (10-10) 15l 3rd behind Twin Oaks (10-10) at Towcester last time (2m 5f Nov Hdle, £563, good, Nov 30, 14 ran). INDIAN RANGE (11-0) 22½l 9th of 21 behind Austrian Corporal (11-0) at Worcester (2m Nov Hdle, £925, good, Nov 28). ROVIGO (11-0) a neck and 5l 3rd to Frosty Touch (11-0) at Carlisle (2m 1f Nov Hdle, £548, heavy, Nov 11, 13 ran).

Selection: DAD'S GAMBLE.

Burrough Hill Lad faces awesome task at Ascot

By Michael Seely

Jenny Pitman considers that Burrough Hill Lad faces as stiff a task as ever confronted the mighty Arkle in being asked to concede two stone to West Tip and 35lb to Galway Blaze in the SGB Handicap, the feature event of a magnificent programme at Ascot on Saturday.

"Make no mistake, Buzby's going to run a mighty race," Mrs Pitman said yesterday. "But weight can stop any horse, as was shown when Burrough Hill Lad finished fourth to Earls Brig at Haydock last March. In my book there's no way he can win the SGB.

"I'm sorry, but Stan Riley, the horse's owner, doesn't like Haydock," she continued. "I would dearly have loved to have taken on Forgive 'N' Forget and Earls Brig tomorrow. There's a conditions race at Hereford on Thursday week but I'd just as soon run him round the White City as over a sharp track like that."

Haydock and Hereford's loss is going to be Ascot's gain. If Burrough Hill Lad can recapture the ability that saw him romp home by four lengths from Canny Danny in last year's Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner is still one of the outstanding chasers of the post-war era.

Galway Blaze is sure to start a short-priced favourite after his 12-length win in a record time in last month's Hennessy. However, even with a 5lb penalty for that easy win, Jimmy Fitzgerald's nine-year-old will still be carrying 9lb more than his eight in the long handicap.

West Tip, beaten half a length by Burrough Hill Lad in Chepstow's Rehearsal Chase, now meets his conqueror on 20lb better terms.

Plumpton results

1.00 Going: soft (3m 1f4h) 1, GOLDEN HORNET (F Stronge, 11-1); 2, Bangel (A Webber, 13-8 fav); 3, Greta An Uisce (Peter Hobbs, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Gelster (5th), 5 Ngare Cheval (4th), 12 Harbour Bazaar (PU), 25 Kingmon's Girl (PU), Town Counsellor (PU), 50 Poor Son (6th). 9 ran. NR: Donegal Prince Opening Night at 12l, 15l, 20l, 4½l. K Dunn North Tawton. TOTE: £13.10; £1.90, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £40.20. CSF: £28.72. TRICAST: £93.63.

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, FOYLE FISHERMAN (S Smith Eccles, 4-8fav); 2, Lehowde (M Head, 20-1); 3, C-garthwaite (Miss S Sanders, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Alexandra Palace (5th), 6 Spend Easy (6th), Matty's Gift (PU), 14 Pberoah's Treasure, 16 Gain The Day (4th), 20 Crimson Imp, 33 Martin Cross, Sair Fred, Annagh Glow, Dreams of Gold (PU), Hot Betty, Sammatt, Tea Towel, Venetian Princess. 17 ran NR: Eugenes 12l, 10, 3l, 2l, 6l. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £4.80; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £8.20. CSF: £15.66.

3.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1, MR KEY (A Webb, 7-2); 2, Pip (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 3, Mighty Steel (M Kinane, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Inlander (5th), 9 Tigerwood (4th), 10 Bacon Match (6th), Stampy, 16 In For Gain, 25 Barrara Lad, 66 Rishaan Na More (P.U.). 10 ran. 15l, 4l, 2½l, 4l, 1½l. P Haynes at Cockerham. TOTE: £4.40; £1.80, £1.80, £4.40. DF: £9.40. CSF: £17.60. TRICAST: £157.60. PLACEPOT: £7.76.

● Sedgefield was abandoned – frost.

IN BRIEF

Salnikov fit for the Cup

Vladimir Salnikov, triple gold medal winner in the 1980 Olympic games, will take part in the European Swimming Cup in Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, this weekend, according to, Igor Koshkin, the Soviet national team coach. Salnikov has missed most of the season through illness. He will swim in the 400 and 1,500 metre freestyle events.

Koshkin believes his country's best chances for victory in the men's event rest with Igor Polyanski, world record holder in the 200 metres backstroke, and Vadim Yaroshchuk in the 200 and 400 metres medley.

ATHLETICS: Four of the world's fastest marathon runners will take part in the Tokiy race on February 9, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, whose time of 2:07:12 is the fastest ever for the distance, to Djiboui pair of Djama Robleh, with a best of 2:08:08 and Salah Ahmed (2:08:09), and Takeyuki Nakayama of Japan (2:08:15) are all in the field. Juma Ikangaa, of Tanzania, who won last year's race in 2:10:49, is also running.

TENNIS: Susan Mappin, the women's national team manager, has been ranked No 1 in Yorkshire for the 14th consecutive year (Rex Bellamy writes). Miss Mappin was formerly ranked fifth in Britain and played in four Wightman Cup doubles matches from 1974 to 1978. She withdrew from serious competition when she joined the Lawn Tennis Association as training organiser in 1979 and, nowadays, competes only in the inter-county championships.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

UEFA Cup
Third round, second leg
Neuchatel v Dundee U (7.0)
Scottish Cup
First round replay
Cowdenbeath v Berwick

Full Members' Cup
Northern final
Second leg
First leg score in brackets
Manchester C (1) v Hull (2)
Screen Sport Super Cup
Norwich v Manchester U

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International Law Report — The Hague

No revision of sea boundary judgment

Continental Shelf (Tunisia/Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) (Tunisia v Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)

Before Judge Nagendra Singh, President, Judge Ladreit de Lacharrière, vice president, Judge Lachs, Judge Ruda, Judge Elias, Judge Oda, Judge Ago, Judge Sette-Camara, Judge Schwebel, Judge Mbaye, Judge Bedjaoui, Judge Ni Zhengyu, Judge Bastid and Judge Jiménez de Aréchaga

[Judgment delivered December 10]

The International Court of Justice held unanimously that the request of the Republic of Tunisia under article 61 of the Statute of the Court for revision of the judgment given by the court on February 24, 1982 was inadmissible. The court held that the requests of Tunisia for *interpretation of that judgment* under article 60 were admissible and declared that the meaning and scope of the 1982 judgment was in accordance with the present judgment.

The boundary in the first sector was to be drawn through two specifically defined points, and other considerations mentioned in the 1982 judgment were not part of the *description of the delimitation* line.

In the second sector the most westerly point on the Gulf of Gabes was to be determined by the parties' experts, disregarding any straight baselines and regardless of whether the point was situated in a channel or the mouth of the Wadi.

The court did not uphold Tunisia's submission that the most *westerly point of the Gulf of Gabes* lay on the latitude 34 degrees 5 minutes 20 seconds *north*, and declined to order an expert survey.

The court said that article 61 provided "1 An application for revision of judgment may be made only when it is based upon the discovery of some fact of such a *nature as to be a decisive factor*, which fact was, when the judgment was given, *unknown to the court* and also to the party claiming revision, always provided that such ignorance was not due to negligence. . .

"4 The application for revision *must be made at latest within six* months of the discovery of the new *fact*.

"5 No application for revision may be made after the lapse of ten years from the date of the judgment.

The fact which, according to Tunisia, was unknown was the text of the Resolution of the Libyan Council of Ministers of March 28, 1968 which determined the "real course" of the northwestern boundary of a petroleum concession number 137 granted by Libya to *which reference has been made in* the 1982 judgment.

The facts that the concession boundaries were obtainable by Tunisia – and that it was in their own interests to obtain them – signified that an essential condition of admissibility under article 61 was lacking.

There was a further requirement, that the fact relating to the concession was a decisive factor.

In the 1982 judgment the court had established *the starting point of* the delimitation line, being the inter-
section of the limit of the territorial sea of the parties and a line, the "determining line" drawn from the frontier point of Ras Ajdir through *the point 33 degrees 55 minutes* north, 12 degrees east.

It had then defined the actual delimitation line as running from that intersection point northeast through the point 33 degrees 55 minutes north, 12 degrees east to another defined point.

There was a single precise criterion for the drawing of the delimitation line. Other considerations had been *mentioned not as* part of the description of the delimitation line, but only as an explanation of the determining line.

The line resulting from the grant of petroleum concessions was by no means the sole consideration taken into account by the court.

The court's reasoning in 1982 was *wholly unaffected by the evidence as* to the boundaries of concession number 137. That did not mean that if the coordinates of the concession had been clearly indicated to the court the 1982 judgment would *have been identically worded*.

But it was not sufficient for an *application for revision* to be admissible to show that the new fact relied on might have made it possible for the court to be more specific in its decision.

Tunisia stated that the object of *its request concerning the first* sector was to obtain some clarification, notably as regarded the hierachy to be established among the criteria adopted by the court.

The 1982 judgment laid down for the purposes of delimitation a single precise criterion, namely that it was to be a straight line drawn through two specifically defined points. There was nothing to add to what *had already been said in* the reasoning on the admissibility of the request for revision.

According to the 1982 judgment the delimitation line in the first sector was to be drawn "to the point of intersection with the parallel passing through the . . . most westerly point on the shoreline (low watermark) of the Gulf of Gabes".

No coordinates were indicated in the operative part of the judgment to identify what was the most *westerly point of the Gulf of Gabes*. The judgment stated "the precise coordinates of this point will be for the experts to determine but it appears to the court that it will be approximately 34 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds north".

Tunisia maintained that the coordinate 34 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds north was not binding since it was not repeated in the operative part.

Libya argued that since the court had already made its own calculations, the exact plotting of the point involved a margin perhaps of seconds.

There was certainly a dispute between the parties as to what had been decided with binding force. The Tunisian quest for interpretation in respect of the second sector was admissible.

Tunisia attached great importance to the fact that the parallel indicated by the court met the coastline in the mouth of the Wadi, and fixed the most westerly point of the shoreline *of the Gulf of Gabes* at 34 degrees 5 minutes 20 seconds north.

By "the most westerly point on the shoreline (low water mark) of the Gulf of Gabes" the court meant the point on the shoreline which was further to the west than any other point on the same shoreline. That had the advantage of being open to objective definition.

As for the presence of the Wadi at approximately the latitude referred to the court did not intend to refer to the most westerly point on the *baselines* from which the breadth of the territorial sea was, or might be, measured.

The idea that it might have referred to such baselines to exclude from definition a point located in the mouth of the Wadi had to be regarded as untenable.

The latitude 34 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds north had been taken as a practical definition of the *point in relation to which* the bearing of the delimitation line was to change. The definition was not binding upon the parties and the task of determining precise coordinance was left to the experts.

Tunisia's submission that the most westerly point was 34 degrees 5 minutes 20 seconds north could *not be upheld. The experts were to* identify the most westerly point on the low watermark by using the available maps, disregarding any straight baselines, and proceeding if necessary to a survey *in loco*, whether or not that point was in the channel or the mouth of the Wadi, and whether or not it could be *considered as marking a change in* the direction of the coastline.

Tunisia had made a subsidiary submission during the oral proceedings for the ordering of an expert survey for the purposes of ascertaining the exact coordinance of the most westerly point of the Gulf of Gabes. These was no cause at *present to order an expert survey*.

The parties were obliged to conclude the treaty for the purpose of the delimitation. They had to ensure that the 1982 judgment was implemented so that the dispute was finally disposed of.

Law Report December 11 1985 Court of Appeal

Confidentiality between master and servant

Faccenda Chicken Ltd v Fowler and Others

Fowler v Faccenda Chicken Ltd

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Nourse

[Judgment delivered December 5]

The relevant principles of law in master and servant cases relating to the use of confidential information were set out in a reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal.

The Court of Appeal dismissed two appeals by a company, Faccenda Chicken Ltd, against the decision of Mr Justice Goulding on November 8, 1983 ([*1984*] ICR 589) who dismissed the company's *Chancery action for damages for* the alleged wrongful use of confidential sales information by *nine former* employees (including the first defendant Mr Barry Fowler) and their subsequent employer Fowler Quality Poultry Products Ltd, and who also dismissed the company's counterclaim for damages for breach of contract by abuse of confidential information in the first *defendant's Queen's Bench action* against them for outstanding *commission*.

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC and Mr John Trench for Faccenda; Mr Peter Crawford, QC and Mr James Gibbons for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, delivering *the judgment of the court*, said that the appeals involved the *interaction of three separate legal* concepts:

1 The *duty of an employee during* his employment to act with good faith towards his employer (the duty of fidelity).

2 The duty of an employee not to use or disclose after his employment had ceased any confidential information which he had obtained during his employment about his employer's affairs.

3 The prima facie right of any person to use and to exploit for the purpose of earning his living all the skill, experience and knowledge at his disposal including that acquired *in previous employment*.

The first defendant was engaged *as the company's sales manager and* established a van sales operation whereby fresh chickens were daily offered for sale to retailers and caterers from itinerant refrigerated vehicles.

He eventually left the company and set up his own business of *selling fresh chickens from refriger*ated vans in the same area. Eight of the company's employees went to work for him.

The sales information which it was alleged that the defendants had wrongly used consisted of the names and addresses of the company's customers; the most convenient routes to customers; the usual requirements of customers as to *quality and quantity; the days of the* week and times of day when deliveries were usually made to individual customers; and the prices charged which varied from customer to customer.

It was submitted for the company that taken as a whole the sales information constituted confidential information which could not be used to the company's detriment, *and that the prices alone also* constituted confidential infor*mation*.

Mr Justice Goulding divided information acquired by an employee in the course of his employment into three classes:

First, information which was not confidential because of its trivial nature or its easy accessibility from public sources and which an employeee was free to impart to anyone during or after his employ*ment*.

Second, information which was to be treated as confidential because the employee was told it was confidential or because by its character it was obviously confidential but which necessarily remained in his head and became part of his own skill and knowledge. Such information could not be *disclosed* during his employment without *infidelity and breach of contract*. An employer could protect such information after the employment by a restraining covenant, Mr Justice Goulding held.

Third, there were specific trade secrets which, even though necessarily learnt by heart could not lawfully be used for anyone's benefit *but the employer's*.

The judge found that the sales *information came within his second* class and could not be protected in the absence of an express restrictive stipulation.

His decision was criticized on the ground, *inter alia*, that there was *only one class of confidential* information which an employee *might acquire* in the course of his employment and that such confidential information remained confidential even after the employee left the employer's service.

In their Lordships' view the relevant principles were:

1 Where the parties were or had been linked by a contract of *employment the employee's obli*gations were to be determined by the contract between him and the employer.

2 In the absence of any express term, the employee's obligations in respect of the use and disclosure of information were the subject of implied terms.

3 While the employee remained in the employment the obligations were included *in the implied term* which imposed a duty of good faith *or fidelity on the employee*. It was to be noted that the extent of the duty of fidelity varied according to the nature of the contract and would be broken if an employee made or copied a list of his employer's customers for use after his employment ended, or deliberately memorised such a list.

4 The implied term which imposed an obligation on the employee as to his conduct after *the determination* of his employment was more *restricted than that imposed by the* duty of fidelity. The obligation not to use or disclose information might cover secret processes of manufacture, or designs or special methods of construction, and other information of a sufficiently high degree of confidentiality as to amount to a trade secret. The obligation did not *extend to information only* "confidential" in that any unauthorized disclosure would be a clear breach of the duty of fidelity. Such a distinction was plain from *Printers & Finishers v Holloway* ([1965] RPC 239) and *E. Worsley & Co Ltd v Cooper* ([1939] 1 All ER 290).

5 To determine whether any particular *item of information fell* within the implied term so as to *prevent its use or disclosure* by an employee after his employment had ceased, it was necessary to consider all the circumstances of the case. Among the matters to which attention had to paid were:

(a) The *nature of the employ*ment. A high obligation of confidentiality might be imposed where the employment was in a capacity where "confidential" material was habitually handled.

(b) The nature of the information. Information would only be protected if it could properly be classed as a trade secret or as material which was in all the circumstances of such a highly confidential nature as to require the *same protection as a trade secret*.

The court disagreed with Mr Justice Goulding that information in his second category could be protected by a restrictive covenant. A restrictive covenant would not be enforced unless the protection sought was reasonably necessary to protect a trade secret or to prevent some personal influence over customers being abused in order to *entice them away: see Herbert Morris Ltd v Saxelby* ([1916] 1 AC 688, 709).

(c) Whether the employer impressed on the employee the confidentiality of the information.

(d) Whether the relevant information could be easily isolated from other information which the employee was free to use or disclose. The separability of information was *not conclusive, but the fact that the* alleged "confidential" information *was part of a package and that the* remainder of the package was not confidential was likely to throw light on whether the information in question was really a trade secret.

The court wished to leave open the question whether additional protection should be afforded to an employee who was merely selling *information acquired in confidence* to a third party rather than making use of the skill and knowledge which he had acquired in order to earn a living.

In the present case, neither the sales information as a whole nor the information about prices looked at by itself fell within the class of confidential information which an employee was bound by an implied *term of his contract of employment* not to use or disclose after his employment came to an end.

Accordingly the appeals would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Penningtons for Shoosmiths & Harrison, Banbury; Johnson & Gaunt, Banbury.

Deceased's former mistress has no claim to estate

Layton v Martin and Others

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment delivered November 29]

A former mistress of the deceased whose five-year relationship with *him ended two years before his* death had no claim to any interest in his property in equity, or at common law or under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975.

Mr Justice Scott so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing the claim of the plaintiff, Mrs Ann Probert Layton, against the defendants, Mr Henry Martin and others, the executors of the estate of Philip Smith, deceased. His Lordship regretted that the case had been brought because it was hopeless from the start.

Mr Robert Pearce for the plaintiff; Mr John Jopling for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that *the plaintiff*, Mrs Layton, formerly Miss Ann Hughenden, claimed against the defendants, as executors of Mr Philip Smith, to be entitled to have financial provision made for her out of his estate, which, before capital transfer tax, amounted to £365,509 net.

The claim was made on three alternative bases:

First, that the deceased had represented that if she came to live with him as his mistress he would make financial provision for her in his will; that relying on that representation she had done so, and that in the circumstances his estate was subject to a constructive trust to give effect to their common intention.

Second, that under the doctrine of proprietary estoppel, equity would subject the estate to such beneficial interests in her favour as would give effect to the representation on which she relied.

Third, that the representation constituted an "offer" which she, by her subsequent *conduct*, had accepted, and accordingly that she was *entitled to enforce* the contract thereby concluded.

In his Lordship's judgment her claim, on whatever basis, failed both on the law and on the facts.

The deceased met the plaintiff, then unmarried, in 1967 when he rented a flat to her. Their relationship moved on to a personal footing and she became his mistress. He was considerably older than she was and was married, but his wife was suffering from a terminal illness from which she died in 1977.

On May 25, 1975, the deceased wrote suggesting that the plaintiff should live with him in London *offering her "what emotional* security I can give plus financial security during my life and financial security on my death". In September 1975 she did so.

The deceased paid her a salary of £100 a month, later raised to £120 a month, plus £30 a week for *house*keeping.

The services she was expected to supply were, to all intents and purposes, those of a wife, including managing the house, love and companionship, and assistance in his business, such as typing and book-keeping.

Her evidence was that they were agreed that after his wife died they would marry, but in fact he did nothing about it. She did not seem to have pressed *for it*.

In the end their relationship ran into difficulties which she attributed to his moodiness and irascibility. The defendants attributed it in part to her inattention to household *duties* and in part to a relationship which developed between the plaintiff and a Mr Jarman, now going by the name of Layton, whom she later married.

For whatever cause, and whatever the justification or lack of it, the deceased gave her written notice of dismissal in June 1980. They did not seem to have parted in *rancour*.

Between her departure and the deceased's death on April 30, 1982 she made no claim against him for financial provision. At one stage he had made a will, giving her a legacy of £15,000, but his last will made no provision for her at all.

His Lordship concluded that the plaintiff was wholly unmercenary, was not influenced by the deceased's "offer", and did not consider that she was accepting it.

Although the case could have been disposed of on the facts, his Lordship felt it desirable not to do so, because although he felt that she did not rely on the "offer", she did rely – or would have done so had she thought about it – on her expected position as a "quasi-wife". *and second, because Mr Pearce had* advanced legal arguments of a very far reaching sort, which his Lordship considered misconceived.

The successful defendants had little chance of recovering their costs, and the law on the factual premise on *which the plaintiff's* arguments were based should be *made clear* so that other defendants should not find themselves required, at their own expense, to resist similar untenable arguments put forward by other legally aided plaintiffs.

Mr Pearce had relied on dicta from such well known cases as *Pettit v Pettit* ([1970] AC 818); *Gissing v Gissing* ([1971] AC 886), and *Burns v Burns* ([1984] Ch 317), but those *authorities* all dealt with the circumstances in which a person could claim a beneficial interest in specific assets standing in the name of another which had been acquired or preserved at least in part by contributions made by the claimant, and could establish that where there was a common intention between the parties the contributing claimant should have a beneficial interest in the specific assets. In the present case the plaintiff had made no such contribution.

To support the proprietary estoppel claim, Mr Pearce relied on *Crabb v Arun District Council* ([1976] Ch 179) and *Taylor Fashions Ltd v Victoria Trustees Co Ltd* ([1982] QB 133), but those cases were concerned with the question whether an owner of property could, by insisting on his strict legal rights, defeat an expectation of an interest therein which he had raised by his conduct, and which was relied upon. The question did not arise otherwise than in connection with some specific asset. No such question arose here.

As to the argument based on contract, the question what "financial security" meant arose. One man's fortune was another man's pittance. The offer was no more than a statement of intention cast in general terms. *It was unthinkable* that the deceased, in offering financial security, thought he was making an offer that could lead to contractual enforceability.

His Lordship had great sympathy for the plaintiff who seemed from the history and her demeanour in the box to be a very nice person who *gave love and affection to the* deceased between 1975 and 1980. She might well have deserved some provision in his will.

If she had continued to live with him until death, she would have been entitled to claim under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, but by *reason* of the cesser of their relationship before his death, she *was not entitled to claim* under that Act.

It was a matter of regret that the case had been brought because it was hopeless from the start.

Solicitors: Lawrence Graham; Stafford Clark & Co.

Planning consent

Regina v West Oxfordshire District Council, Ex parte C. H. Pearce Homes Ltd

The written formal notification of a grant of planning permission, and not the planning authority's resolution to *grant planning permission*, constituted the grant of planning permission, Mr Justice Woolf held in the Queen's Bench Division on December 6, when refusing an application for judicial review of decisions made by the West Oxfordshire District Council on a planning application made by the applicant.

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Even an old barn can be home

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent



Yesterday's farm building, now a five-bedroom house: Doves Barn, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire. Today's price: £160,000

A derelict barn at Thakeham, West Sussex, was sold at auction for £69,500 in November 1984 despite the threat of a local authority demolition order. A year later, the barn is on the market again through King and Chasemore's Storrington office for £118,000.

It has been completely renovated and enlarged, while retaining some of its 16th-century origins, and has been transformed into a four-bedroom house standing in one-third of an acre.

It is an illustration of the thriving market in the humble barn, which can comparatively easily and with imagination be converted into a charming home. There are few such properties left in that part of the country because of their attraction, and when they do come up for sale they are quickly bought up.

Because of their unconventional nature and attraction, they are often sold by auction – partly because it is difficult to price them. Earlier this month King and Chasemore offered two Sussex barns for auction at Sotheby's new auction rooms at Summers Place, near Billingshurst.

They are still popular, even when derelict

Stile Place Barn Nutbourne, standing in more than two acres, had planning approval for a four-bedroom house, but it had to be moved 70 yards from its present site. That clearly proved no deterrent, for the barn, with a guide price of £50,000 to £70,000, was sold for £72,500.

Hardham Gate Barn, Coldwaltham, proved the exception to the rule. With planning consent for a two-bedroom, single-storey dwelling, in about half an acre, it carried a guide price of £35,000 to £40,000 but failed to reach its reserve and was withdrawn. It may have been the planning restriction or the small amount of land that told against it, but the barn is now for sale again – by private tender – with the option of some land.

Pearsons, which has 30 offices in the south of England, has also recently sold two properties featuring period barns at auction, despite the fear that auctions during the winter are not always satisfactory because this is the quiet time for the market.

One, at Crawley, near Winchester, in two acres, sold for £128,000, while a small country house at Swanthorpe, near Farnham, Surrey, went for £139,000. It has a barn, formerly a granary, adjoining, which with planning consent can provide further accommodation.

The same agents' Salisbury and Winchester offices are selling Lorings Barn, at West Tytherley, near Salisbury. This one was converted about three years ago into a three-bedroom house with three additional rooms which could form staff accommodation or a granny annexe. *The brick and weatherboard property,* with exposed beams and brick walling inside, has a swimming pool in its six acres, and offers of more than £215,000 are sought.

It is clear that whether barns are for sale derelict or converted they are not *cheap, but their popularity continues* unabated.

Humberts' Lewes office is offering for sale a manor house with an unconverted barn in its grounds, at Sedlescombe, near Battle, East Sussex. The house was originally converted from an oast house dating from about 1750, and now provides a spacious five-bedroom house. Within the 14 acres of gardens and grounds, which include paddocks and lakes, is a period barn which has planning consent for conversion to a dwelling.

John Husband, of Humberts, says the property offers a "*unique opportunity* to buy a substantial period home in a superb setting with rural views, while within walking distance of the centre of the village". The agents are seeking around £175,000 for the house and £80,000 for the barn.

In the south Cambridgeshire village of Ickleton, Savills is selling a rare, early 17th-century barn. Doves Barn *is one of a group of Grade II listed* barns, fine examples of early East Anglian timber-framed barns, bought from Clare College, Cambridge, by Steven Mattick, a specialist local builder, and Martin Village, a north London developer.

The barns, dating from the 16th to *19th centuries*, and a 17th-century gatehouse are being converted into six houses, watched with interest by the South Cambridgeshire Preservation Society. *Doves Barn, the first to be* marketed, has three reception rooms and five bedrooms, with a walled garden. Savills is asking offers around £160,000.

Hallett's Fox and Sons, of Bath, has two converted barns near the city on its books. The Old Manor Barn, at Freshford, built in Bath stone, was converted in 1984-85 into a four-bedroom house with two reception rooms, and is for sale at £125,000.

Lagard Farm Barn, at Whitley, near Melksham, was converted during 1983 by its present owners, and has about *3,900 sq ft of living space*, combining the most modern fittings with the natural stone and beams. It

Converted and now used as a pottery

has in addition a stone and tiled barn which has planning permission for conversion into a house and is for sale at £180,000.

Millers Barn, at Mendham, Suffolk, was converted by its present owners *and is now used as a pottery*, with family accommodation and a studio workshop. The oak timber-framed barn is clad in weatherboarding and has a slate roof, while the adjoining studio is of red brick. The house has three reception rooms and five bedrooms and stands in half an acre of garden. Thos W. M. Gaze and Son, of Diss, Norfolk, is asking £98,500.

The Barn House, Nassington, Northamptonshire, is for sale through Humberts' Stamford office, which is seeking offers of more than £125,000. *It was converted in two stages*, seven years ago and three years ago, to provide four bedrooms and three reception rooms. The house is in the centre of the village and has two acres of grounds that include three stables and a paddock.

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Having survived 600 years of turbulent history, including the Battle of Pinkie in 1547, when it was set on fire by the English, the castle is expected by Strutt & Parker's Edinburgh office to fetch at least £200,000.

The eminent flautist Gareth Morris is selling his semi-detached Georgian house in Alwyne Place, Canonbury, north London, through Holden Matthews, which is asking for offers around £298,000. The house, built in 1830, and standing in the Canonbury Conservation area, has three reception rooms, five bedrooms, and a 50 ft garden.

Pevsner praise

Offham Manor, near the centre of the village of Offham, Kent, 11 miles from Sevenoaks, is a Grade II listed building dating back to about 1700. Given an affectionate reference by Pevsner in his *Buildings of England* series, the house, probably of Jacobean origin, is of brick and stone, part-tiled, with a tiled roof. The three-storey manor, still with its beams and some panelling, has three reception rooms and eight bedrooms, and stands in about two acres of gardens, including an old conservatory and a newer swimming pool. The outbuildings have planning consent for conversion, and Hampton and Sons are asking offers of around £300,000.

The last genuine Georgian town house in the picturesque terrace of Nelson Place, Lymington, Hampshire, still waiting to be modernized, is for sale through Jackson and Jackson of Lymington at £79,500. The propesty, more than 200 years old and standing just off the Old Town Quay, has four bedrooms and two reception rooms.

The Cotswold mould

Broadwell, near Stow-on-the-Wold, is one of the most sought-after villages in the north Cotswolds. Jackson Stops and Staff's Chipping Camden office is seeking offers around £89,500 for Chadwell Cottage, near the Green, a typical period house of traditonal Cotswold stone. It has three reception rooms, five double bedrooms, and a stone coach house providing two garages and storage facilities. The house also has a second kitchen, allowing one half to be used as separate granny accommodation. The main sitting room has a large inglenook fireplace with a modern wood-burning stove, and there is a garden at the rear.

Westside, one of the few listed properties around Bognor Regis, West Sussex, is for sale through Cubitt and West's Petworth office, at £70,000-plus. The flint and brick house has been partly modernized.



Garden House, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, dates from the mid-18th century, and has been carefully extended using traditional Cotswold stone. The house is on the edge of the villages of Avening and Nags Head and stands in more than four acres of gardens and water meadows with a trout stream. The house has three reception rooms and six bedrooms, with a heated swimming pool and a tennis court. In the grounds the two-bedroom Highwayman's Cottage, reputedly more than 400 years old, could be extended, subject to planning permission, say Knight Frank & Rutley, whose Cirencester office is seeking around £325,000 for the whole estate

In defence of timber

It is ironic that while traditional timber-framed buildings, not least the barns referred to on the opposite page, have survived for hundreds of years and are as much in demand as ever before, their modern equivalent should be treated now with such suspicion.

The new timber-frame housing market, which gained momentum in England and Wales early in the 1980s, eventually achieved a 24 per cent share of the new house market in England, and 25 per cent in Britain overall, by the end of 1982. In Scotland, where it has been used for many years, it reached around 50 per cent.

Then came the bad publicity, caused by poor workmanship and construction faults, culminating in the independent television *World in Action* programme in 1983.

Confidence in the system was quickly eroded, and building by that method has continued to decline ever since, until by the third quarter of 1985 it had slumped to 7 per cent in England, and 9 per cent in Britain as a whole, thanks to the continued, though lessened, confidence in Scotland standing at 29 per cent.

Both figures, however, gave some hope to the supporters of timber-frame construction because they had maintained their standing from the previous quarter, and it seemed the slump had bottomed out.

One year ago the Timber and Brick Homes Information Council was formed to try to counter-attack against the bad publicity, and chose the name deliberately to emphasize that though timber-framed, its houses are built with bricks as well.

It has now, with the latest figures before it gained in confidence, and has launched a booklet for buyers and owners of timber-framed homes – and for estate agents, surveyors and valuers – to redress the balance.

Faults in workmanship and site management have caused problems with condensation and rot in timber-framed houses built in the past few years, but David Scott, the council's technal director, maintains: "There has been more rot talked about timber frame than was ever found in the structure. Nothing has emerged to substantiate the theoretical problems, and the handbook addresses these issues directly and with hard facts."

It has brought in the findings of research by the Building Research Establishment and Wimpey Laboratories, among others, to support the method's performance both on condensation and on its resistance to fire.

The council is funded by timber frame manufacturers and wood importers, not the builders, such as Barratt, which have suffered from the publicity, and there are signs of an increase in activity by the manufacturers of the frames, many of them Scandinavian.

They are not trying to corner the house-building market, merely wishing to get back into it. It could take a long time, but they have started.

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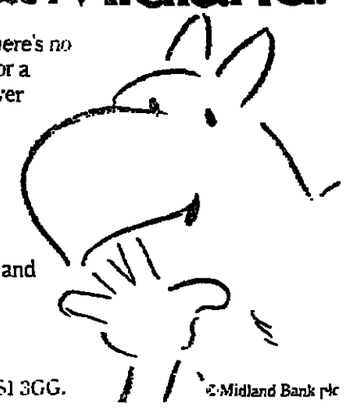
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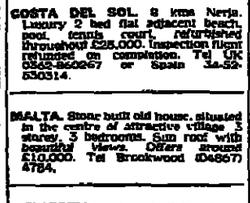
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HAIGH. On 8th December at St. Teresa's Wimbledon to Suzy (nee Solomon) and Stuart, a son Callum Mark.

KINCHIN-SMITH.–On 4th December, to Caroline (nee Harris) and John– a daughter (Eleanor Mary), a sister for Joseph.

SANCROFT-BAKER.–On 7th December, to Caroline (nee Adams) and Raymond–a son (Robert Thomas).

SCHWAIGER – On 5th December 1985, to Lesley and Laurence (nee Bohan), a beautiful daughter, Natalie Elizabeth.

WILSON–On December 8, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Felicity (nee Marriott) and John–a son (Thomas).

BIRTHDAYS

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MARRIAGES

DAWE : HARDWICK.–On December 7th, at St. Andrew's Church, Wraysbury, Michael to Cordelia.

MARSHALL – SPOKES – on the 7th December 1985 in Winchester Cathedral, Christopher Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Marshall of Ickenham, to Gillian Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Spokes of Winchester.

DEATHS

ANDERSON, LINDA.–On 2nd December. Mr J. Kenneth Anderson, the Beckenham, wishes to thank all the many friends who have written in sympathy and who attended the funeral of his wife, Linda.

BARNETT – On December 6 1985, Irene Rosaline Barchet, suddenly but peacefully at home in Cobb St Dennis, Gloucester, widow of Sir Mark and Professor Jules Barchet, and loving mother of John Arthur Kirk of New Zealand. Private cremation. Memorial service, 11.30am on Tuesday December 17 at Colin St Dennis Church.

BARNES.–On December 7th, at home surrounded by her family, Hannah, née Plews, of 92 Ashley Street, Gosnells, W Australia, mother of John Edward, Percy, Tim, Jennifer, Carol, Jane and Mary.

BARRINGTON – BROWNE William Ellis (Bill), Artist, on 7 December 1985 in Cirencester. Funeral 11.30 on Friday 13 December at Daisbrook Church, Nr. Cheltenham, Gloucester.

BOLLAND – On December 9, peacefully at The Towans, Burnham-on-Sea, in her 98th year, Rose Ann, beloved widow of Arthur Philip Bolland, of Egypt and the Sudan. Much loved mother of Dick and David and Margaret, mother of Tony, Patrick and Diana. Cremation Woodspring Crematorium, Weston-super-Mare Friday December 13, at 12 noon. Family flowers only please.

BOUQUET – On 8th December 1985 at Eastbourne, Sussex, Mary Wadsham (nee Mitchell) aged 90 years, wife of the late Rev John Alexander Bouquet. Funeral service at St Johns Church, Meads, Eastbourne, on Friday 13th December at 3.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please.

BOURNE.–On December 9, peacefully, at The Old Mill, Bradford Abbas, Sherbourne, in her 91st year, Hester Margaret, eldest daughter of the 4th Earl Cairns, widow of the Rt Hon R. C. Bourne and mother of Antony, Desiree and Wilfrid. Cremation private.

BUTLER, DENIS.–On 6th December, 1985, at home, after a long illness borne with great courage, beloved husband of Linda and dearly loved father of Jamie, Sian and David. Funeral service at St. Andrews, Malvern Avenue, South Harrow, on Thursday, 12th December, at 12 midday, and afterwards at Ruislip Crematorium. Flowers to Sydney Hurry Ltd, 341 Rayners Lane, Pinner.

COLES – On December 6th 1985 in Hereford, Handley Montague Townsend Coles, M.D., F.R.C.P., late Consultant Paediatrician, Westminster Hospital. Much loved husband of Patricia and father of Sarah, Francis, Georgina and Stephen (Died May 1984). Funeral Private.

DAVIES – Eric Reginald St. Aubrey. On 7th December, Husband of Celia (formerly Liestle, died 1963) father of Elisabeth, John and Judy. Formerly of Colonial Administrative Service, Kenya, subsequently Permanent Secretary, Isle of Man. For Funeral arrangements, please contact R. E. Moore & Co., Tel: Douglas, Isle of Man 73692.

DICKIE.–On Monday, 9th December, 1985, at Glasgow, Margaret Mackinlay Dickie, dear wife of the late J. S. Dickie, Dept of Moral Philosophy, University of Glasgow, for many years Tutor in Biblical Literature, Dept of Adult Education at The University of Glasgow. Requiem Eucharist at 9.30 a.m. and funeral service at 11 a.m. on Monday 16th December, at the Cathedral Church of S Mary the Virgin, 300 Great Western Road, Glasgow. Cremation thereafter private. No flowers or letters, please.

DOBBS – On December 9, William Ronald, of Greystones, Co Wicklow (formerly of Malaya), in his 80th year, dearly loved husband of Norah and widower of Ruth Denise. Much loved father of David and Susan, grandfather of Laura and Harry. Funeral December 12. Greystones Parish Church.

EVANS. On Sunday, 8th December, David Rhyal Evans, CC, RN (Ret'd), of The Watermill, Galphay, nr Ripon, after a long illness, borne with utmost patience and courage. Funeral on Thursday, 12th December, at 2 p.m. at St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard, nr Ripon. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to The VC/GC Association Benevolent Fund, Old Admiralty Building, Whitehall, or The Sea Cadets, Broadway House, Broadway, Westminster.

EVANS – On December 5 1985, suddenly but peacefully in her sleep at home, Gwyneth Evans, of Rustington, Sussex, service at St Andrew's Parish Church on Monday December 16 at 2.15pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for "St Barnabas Home" may be sent c/o, and all enquiries to, F. T. Holland & Sons, Terminus Rd, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel: 713939.

GOLLMAN, Margaret, wife of Robert, of 85 Park Road, Hampton Hill, suddenly on December 1st at The Royal Free Hospital, London.

HARRIES – On December 7 1985, peacefully at Greenbanks Nursing Home, Dorchester, Dorset, Eleanor Nellie, aged 96 years. Beloved mother of Dick, Hal and Nip. Private cremation at Weymouth on Wednesday, December 11 at 12 noon, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Buckland Church, North Devon, on Thursday December 12 at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Crossby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset. Tel (0305) 262328.

HASLAM, MARGARET.–On December 7th, 1985, beloved wife of John and mother of Catherine, David and Chris. Service at St Mary's Church, Moseley, Birmingham, on Thursday, December 12th, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please.

HENNELL – On December 6th peacefully at home, Malcolm Arthur, most dearly beloved husband of Esther and much loved father and father-in-law of Andrew, David and Jane Ann. Cremation service – family and close friends only. Thanksgiving service to be announced later. No flowers by request. Cards if desired to Bethnal Green Medical Mission, 306 Cambridge Heath Rd, London E2 9NS. "In Thy presence is fullness of joy".

KING.–On December 9, peacefully, at The Quinta Nursing Home, Bentley, Lois, widow of W. G. C. Bobby King and mother of Paul and Mary, in her 91st year.

LEWIS–HARRISON. Quietly on December 4th, Anthony Lovell Lewis-Harrison, recently returning from central Africa. Cremated December 9th. Ashes to be returned to Malawi at a later date.

MacFARLANE, Gladys Waite (Jenny). Suddenly on December 5 at her home 49 Lower Richmond Rd, Mortlake. Dear sister of Anne Becker and the MacFarlane family. Private cremation at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 12th December.

McCRACKEN. – On December 7th peacefully at Little Pond House Nursing Home, Frensham, Marjorie, in her 91st year, formerly of Effingham, Surrey, wife of the late Andrew McCracken, Indian Civil Service, beloved mother of Graham, John and Alison (Robertson) and much loved grandmother. Funeral service at Randall's Park Crematorium, Randall's Road, Leatherhead on Monday 16th December at 3pm. Enquiries to H.C. Patrick & Co, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey. Tel: Farnham 714884.

MILLER.–On 6th December, in hospital, Thomas Henry, aged 86, of Sandgate, Kent, chairman, The Rubber Growers Association, 1954-60. Funeral Friday, 13th December, at 11.30 a.m., Kent County Crematorium, Charing.

DEATHS

PAGE.–On December 6th, Cecil Henry, aged 80, of Bickley, Kent, husband of Winifred and father of Julia and Diana. Cremation at Beckenham Crematorium at 11.40 a.m. on 12th December. No flowers or letters, please. Donations, if desired, to South Bromley Hospice Care, Orpington.

PARLETT.–Suddenly, at The General Hospital, Jersey, on 9th December, 1985, aged 77 years, Hedley (Bob) Parlett, a much loved brother of Yvonne Hartley and Lyall Parlett. Enquiries to G. E. Creed Ltd. Funeral Directors. Tel: (0534) 35350.

SIMS – On 7th December 1985, Marion Ellen (Jane), aged 73 years of 8, Playford Court, Sudbury, Suffolk. Beloved wife of Freddie and mother of Michael and Julia. Funeral Service at Sudbury Catholic Church on Friday 13th December at 12 noon. Flowers to Brown and Fenn, Sudbury please.

SLAVIN.–On 8 December, peacefully at home, Kit, wife of Mike and mother of Magnus and Clare, after a long fight against multiple sclerosis. Heartfelt thanks to all the support, professional and voluntary. Funeral at St Francis de Sales, nr Hartley, Kent, on Thursday, 12 December at 11 a.m. Flowers to Livesey and Sons, or donations to Action for Research into Multiple Sclerosis (Arms), Dartmouth Street, London, SW1.

SPOONER-LILLINGSTON – Una Alice (known affectionately as Helen) (née Dennis) wife of Edward Lancelot Spooner-Lillingston peacefully at home on 8th December 1985.

STEDEFORD – On December 5, 1985 peacefully at home in her 86th year, Gwen, beloved wife of the late Sir Ivan Stedeford and dearly loved mother and grandmother. The funeral service will take place on Friday December 13 at Watford-on-Avon at 11.45am.

TEMPLE – On 6th December, William Anthony of Waldron, Sussex. Greatly loved husband of Gill (Jill) and father of Charlotte and Sophie. Funeral service at All Saints, Waldron, at 2.30pm on Monday 16th December. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for The British Heart Foundation may be sent to Butler & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield 3241.

WALKER, JOAN (Barbara Joan), of Sandown Lodge, Esher, widow of E. R. Walker and mother of Richard, peacefully, at Ashtead Hospital, on Sunday, 8th December, 1985, after a brief illness. Lying in Christ. Funeral at 2.15 p.m. on Friday, 13th December, 1985, at St Paul's Church, Howell Hill, Northey Avenue, Esher, afterwards at Randalls Park Crematorium. No flowers, please, but donations to Burswood (Home of Hospitality), Cranleigh, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 9PY.

WILLIAMSON – On December 5th 1985, Norah Laive, widow of Bill. Cremation at Poole Crematorium on Thursday December 12th at 12.30pm.

WOODHAMS – Joanna Lisabeth (nee Willemstijn), beloved mother and grandmother of Batcombe, Somerset, on December 8th 1985 suddenly while travelling to Barbados. Funeral at St Mary The Virgin, Batcombe, on December 18th, 2.30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DIBBS. A service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alec Dibbs will be held at St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, London EC2, on Monday 20th January 1986 at 12 noon.

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POPPER, DAVID. – In cherished memory of my Father, Dec 11, 1974; and my Mother, Beatrice, Jan 20, 1954; and my Brother, Basil, Dec 10, 1952. – Always remember the happy times. – Alexander.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOUDGE nee DREW, MABEL CONSTANCE GOUDGE nee DREW, WIDOW late of Napabury Hospital, London colney, St Albans, Hertford, shire died there on 4th December 1984 (Estate about £26,000).

HUMPHRIES, ELSIE MARY HUMPHRIES, SPINSTER late of Linden Hill, 37 Tyn y Celyn Drive, Llangollen, Clwyd died At Wrexham, Clwyd on 7th June 1985 (Estate about £65,000).

JACOBS otherwise HARRIS, JACOBS ISAACS otherwise JACK HARRIS late of 5 Ashbrooke Terrace, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear died There on 22nd June 1985 (Estate about £30,000).

SAPSWORTH, OSCAR LANCELOT SAPSWORTH late of 45 Mortimer Road, Mitcham, London E6 died At Bromley, London E3 on 26th January 1985 (Estate about £12,700).

SHEARER, GWEN ROBERT SHEARER late of 160 Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, Kent died At Gillingham, Kent on 28th June 1985 (Estate about £54,000).

THOMPSON, CHARLES THOMAS POULTON THOMPSON otherwise CHARLES THOMAS THOMPSON late of 57 Leonards Gardens, Hove, East Sussex on 20th March 1985 (Estate about £14,500).

YATES nee ELLIOTT, EDITH YATES otherwise EDITH AUSTIN YATES nee ELLIOTT, WIDOW late of Harveys' House, Barwell, Leicester died At Leicester on 27th June 1985 (Estate about £6,200).

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The Committee begins sittings in the week commencing Monday 9 December and hopes to complete the main part of its work before Christmas, it is therefore anxious to hear urgently from organisations, groups and individuals who consider they may have *something to contribute within the terms of reference.* Written submissions are invited and the Committee would be grateful if such submissions could be forwarded as soon as possible, but in any event not later than Monday 16 December 1985. The Committee also wishes to take oral evidence and persons willing to assist in this way are invited to make their willingness known.

Sittings of the Committee in the former Senate Chamber at Stormont will commence at 2.30 pm on each sitting day and will be open to members of the public.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Bob Williams

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports bulletins.

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Nick Ross and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; the new pop music charts at 7.32; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Beverly Alt's fashion advice. The guest is Eddie Shah.

9.20 **Ceefax. 10.30 Play School,** presented by Sarah Long with guest Stuart Bradley. 10.50 Gharbar. This week's magazine programme for Asian women includes a discussion on arranged marriages. 11.15 Ceefax.

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale includes news headlines with subtitles. 12.55 Regional news. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill.

1.00 *Pebble Mill at One* presented by Paul Coia, Marian Foster and Bob Langley. Today's edition includes a tribute to Frank Sinatra on the eve of his 70th birthday; Michael Smith with Christmas cooking ideas; and fashion for Christmas parties. 1.45 **Mop and Smiff.** Written and presented by Mike Amatt. 2.00 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news.

3.55 **Paddington** goes Fortune Telling (r). 4.00 **Fingermouse** with Iain Lauchlan and Jane Hardy. 4.15 **The Voyages of Dr Dolittle.** Cartoon adventures of the man who can talk to animals. 4.35 **Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's alternative art class.

5.00 *John Craven's Newsround.* 5.10 **Colour in the Creek.** The penultimate episode of the drama serial for children, set in the Australian goldfields.

5.35 **Masterteam.** General knowledge game for teams, presented by Angela Rippon.

6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** Among tonight's guests are Laurie Lee, Marilu Henner from Taxi, entrepreneur Nandkishore Ram, and Tears for Fears.

7.35 **Film: Carry On Cruising (1962)** starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams, Kenneth Connor, Liz Fraser and Lance Percival. *The sixth film of the Carry On* series and Captain Crowther, master of the cruise liner, Happy Wanderer is apprehensive when his regular crew is replaced by a company of incompetents. Further *complications develop when it* appears that all his female passengers are falling for the young salts. Directed by Gerald Thomas.

9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.

9.05 **Newswith** Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.30 **Soldiers.** The penultimate programme in the series on fighting men examines the role of the irregular and includes a *reconstruction of the SAS's* assault on Pebble Island during the Falkland conflict. Filmed off the North Wales coast and in the Brecon Beacons it shows how, during a night raid, 11 Argentine *Pucara aircraft* were destroyed (Ceefax).

10.20 **Sportsnight** introduced by Steve Rider from the London West Hotel where Britain's light heavyweight champion Dennis Andries fights Dutchman Alex Blanchard for the European title. Plus reports on tonight's European football competition matches and greyhound racing.

11.30 **The Interview Game** presented by Dr David Pendleton. This fourth programme of the series consists of documentary film of consultations *between* general practitioners and their patients (r).

11.55 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.56; *making the most of Christmas* decorations at 8.17; video film review at 8.34 an interview with Brenda Dean at 8.04; a discussion on agoraphobia at 9.12.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Fabulous Funnies** 9.30 **Wild, Wild World of Animals.** *Film of* Red Tail Hawks an Prairie Falcons competing for space in south-west Idaho during the breeding season. 10.15 **Mystery of Fire Island.** A wheelchair-bound 12-year old investigates the mystery surrounding the sudden disappearance of her friend (r).

11.05 **Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea.** Admiral Nelson (Richard Basehart) and the crew of the submarine Seaview are attacked by monster plants (r).

11.50 **Courageous Cat.** Cartoon. 12.00 **Orm and Cheep.** Puppet adventures of a worm and a young bird (r). *12.10 Our Backyard.* For the young.

12.30 **Ralph McTell's Streets of London.** A profile of Whitechapel Road including a tour of the four-centuries-old foundry.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 **Thames news,** presented by Robin Houston. 1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama series set in an Australian outback town.

2.30 **Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan and Margaret Haywood compare a turkey cooked in a microwave with one cooked by traditional methods. 3.00 **Comedy Tonight.** Sophisticated comedy and those who were top in the field. 3.25 **Thames news** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.** Australian-made soap opera.

4.00 **Orm and Cheep.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r) 4.15 **The Krazy Kitchen** where, today, one of the guests is Boy George. 4.40 **Danger – Marmalade at Work.** The naughtiest girl in the world joins the army (r) (Oracle) 5.00 **Alias the Jester.** Animated adventures of a spaceman who lands in a medieval kingdom.

5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help! Viv Taylor-Gee** with news of PAIN – Parents Against Injustice – set up in July by parents who were wrongly accused of physically abusing their daughter.

6.35 **Crossroads.** A lady from the Rape Help Centre comes to talk to Miranda; while Jo is delighted with Barry's handling of a delicate situation.

7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews is ready once again to emotionally mug an unsuspecting worthy.

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Susan Barlow receives welcome news and Audrey Potter has a dream come true (Oracle).

8.00 **Film: Hopscotch (1980)** starring Walter Matthau and Glenda Jackson. Lighthearted spy tale about a CIA man who *is relegated to a desk job* because of his age. To get even with his masters Miles Kendig and Isobel, his long-time friend in need, decide to expose spy secrets and mistakes designed to bring *international espionage* into disrepute.

10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.

10.05 **News** and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.35 **Snooker.** The fourth quarterfinal match in the Hofmeister World Doubles.

12.15 **Night Thoughts.**



Arnold Wesker: author of Bluey, on Radio 3, at 7.30pm

● **BLUEY** (Radio 3, 7.30pm) is the first play by Arnold Wesker written specially for radio and a long way from the studies of working class *disillusion with which he made his* name in the theatre a quarter of a century ago. Hilary Hawkins (Patrick Stewart) is a man tormented by his past. A recently retired High Court judge, he has retreated to a remote Welsh cottage to review his life and *at every turn is assailed by guilt and* remorse. His failures are partly professional – bad judgments overturned by a higher court – and partly personal. There is an old girlfriend now dying of cancer, an ailing mother too far away to help, an army friend whose friendship he spurns. But the most harrowing of all his memories is of a boyhood *incident on a building site when he* was helping to steal lead (the bluey of the title) and accidentally maimed one of his companions. Wesker *skilfully juggles the plethora of* flashbacks so that each counterpoints the next and builds up a cumulative picture of a mind in anguish. His use of such obvious radio devices as isolating key words and repeating them is less effective since they fail to carry symbolic weight in what is essentially a realistic play. Wesker is well served by his cast which also includes Mary Wimbush as the judge's wife, Anne Dyson as his mother, Joe Melia and Nichola McAuliffe.

● **JAZZ WEEK** continues on BBC2 with two items. *Count Basie at Carnegie Hall* (9pm) pays tribute to a giant of big band jazz with a concert recorded in New York three years before his death. Joe Williams, a *singer long associated with Basie,* is joined by Tony Bennett, Sarah Vaughan and George Benson. *The Lowest of the Low* (10.10pm) considers that most outlandish of jazz instruments, the bass saxophone. Helping to trace its history is *Harry Gold (of Pieces of* Eight fame) who at 5 feet nothing is hardly taller than his sax itself, while the show's highlight is a party piece devised by the producer, Philip Speight, in which no fewer than 12 saxophonists play "Sweet Georgie Brown" *in a pub in Rotherhithe.*

● **THE ENTHUSIASTS** (Radio 4, 9.30pm) is an exploration by Allan Smith of the extraordinary fan worship – by no means confined to the younger generation – for that kindly and indestructible time traveller, Dr Who.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

5.25 **News Summary** with subtitles.

5.30 **The Allotment Show.** Vegetable self-sufficiency from a plot at the end of the street. (r)

6.00 **Film: Devil's Canyon (1953)** starring Dale Robertson and Virginia Mayo. A former United States marshal kills two men in a shoot-out. He is sent to a harsh Arizona prison where he meets a fellow inmate whom *he was instrumental in having* put away. This man sets out to make life for the former lawman as awkward as possible. Directed by Alfred Werker.

7.30 **The Making of Comrades.** Mark Frankland, The Observer's man in Moscow, and consultant to the series being shown on BBC 2, explains how the documentaries' makers coped with the Russian authorities; how the films were made; and how they overcame bureaucratic difficulties. (r).

7.50 **Out of Court** presented, in the studio, by David Jessel and Sue Cook; on the street by Ed Boyle. Sue Cook asks if the *Scottish Laws of Evidence,* if applied south of the border, would stop miscarriages of justice; Ed Boyle reports from Bradford-on-Avon where the local chamber of commerce are concerned with the local bench's seemingly lenient sentencing; and David Jessel reports from Berlin where, in the British zone residents are denied basic legal and human rights.

8.20 **Queens': A Cambridge College.** *Facing the Music* profiles William Thalion and Lawrence Kershaw, friends who sing together and run the College Music Society. William has a middle-class background from *Hertfordshire; Lawrence* attended a working-class comprehensive in Liverpool. William is reading mathematics and has so far applied for 15 jobs; Lawrence is determined to stay in the music field and *has written 150 letters of* application. The film follows them as they prepare for the Grand Centenary Concert of the Music Society. As it approaches their nerves become even more on edge when the guest conductor cries off; when it is all over it is time to take their finals.

9.00 **Count Basie at Carnegie Hall.** A concert recorded in 1981, three years before his death, featuring performers *associated with the band* – George Benson and Joe Williams (see Choice).

10.10 **The Lowest of the Low.** The story of the bass saxophone told by the diminutive Harry Gold with contributions from the *Keith Nichotas Four,* Gunther Schuller, Harry Hayes, George Hurley and archive footage of the first acknowleged master of the instrument, Adrian Rollini. The programme also includes a *remarkable* 12 bass sax ensemble playing Sweet Georgia Brown in a Rotherhithe pub (see Choice).

10.55 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the Labour Party.

11.00 **Newsnight.** 11.45 **Weather.**

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Snooker.** The third quarterfinal of the Hofmeister World Doubles.

4.00 *A Plus 4.*

4.30 **Countdown.** The last round before the play-offs and yesterday's winner is challenged by Robert Palmer from West Yorkshire. Richard Whiteley is the *questionmaster, assisted by* Bill Tidy in the adjudicator's chair.

5.00 **Alice.** Vera, her confidence boosted after reading a book on self-motivation, is put in charge of the diner for a few *minutes. By the time Mel* returns Vera's new-found enthusiasm has evaporated. Starring Linda Lavin and Beth Howland.

5.30 **World of Animation.** Richard Evans introduces a selection *of shorts including* a Yugoslav version of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

6.00 **Father's Day.** Comedy series starring John Alderton as an harassed father and husband, this week coming to the *conclusion that the house is* full of things that are nothing whatsoever to do with him. With Rosalind Ayres as his wife (r).

6.30 **Looking Into Paintings.** The penultimate programme in the *series made in conjuction with* the Open University, designed to enhance the enjoyment of museum and art gallery visits. Today, Robert Cummings, director of the Christie Fine Art Course in London, examines *17th century Dutch paintings in* Ham House; the work of Chardin in the Musee Cognacq-Jay in Paris; and visits artist Patrick Caulfield in his Soho studio (Oracle).

7.00 **Channel Four news.**

7.50 **Comment.** With her views on a matter of topical importance is Dr Tessa Blackstone, *executive member of the* Prison Reform Trust. **Weather.**

8.00 **On the March.** The final programme of the series tracing the history of Time Life's cinema news magazine, The March of Time, is inside Nazi Germany, a 1938 account of life under Hitler's rule.

8.30 **Diverse Reports: The Class of '80.** In 1980 Mrs Thatcher threw a Downing Street party for the people she thought would be in the vanguard of Britain's revival. Christopher Hird flips through the guest list to see what has happened to *these favoured few.*

9.00 **The National Theatre of Brent's Messiah.** A welcome *repeat of the hilarious* interpretation by Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace of the events surrounding the Nativity. With additional assistance from Lee Trevorrow in the musical bits by Handel.

10.00 **Film: Yol (1982)** starring Tarik Akan. The last of the Robinson's Choice season of films. Set in Turkey, the film follows six prisoners who are allowed a week's leave. As they try to pick-up, briefly, the threads of their life, the irony strikes them that although they are away from prison bars, the outside world is no less a place of confinement. Directed by Serif Goren. Ends at 12.05.

Radio 4

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5.55 **Shipping forecast.** 6.00 **News Briefing; Weather.** 6.10 **Farming Today.** 6.25 **Prayer for the Day.**

6.30 **Today: 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News.** 6.45 **Business News.** 6.55, 7.55 **Weather.** 7.00, 8.00 **News.** 7.25, 8.25 **Sport.** 7.45 **Thought for the Day.** *8.35 Yesterday in* Parliament. 8.57 **Weather; Travel.**

9.00 **News.**

9.05 **Midweek: Libby Purves** in *conversation with guests.†*

10.00 **Gardeners' Question Time.** From the Llangrove and District Gardening Society, Ross-on-Wye.

10.45 **Daily Service. Advent Calendar: The Root of Hope.†**

11.00 **News; Travel; Hosts to the World.** The three-day festival celebrated each December by the Tigua tribe of New Mexico to commemorate the Virgin Mary's appearance to a 16th-century Mexican Indian.

11.48 **Enquire Within.** Neil Landor answers listeners' questions.

12.00 **News; You and Yours.** Presented by John Howard.

12.27 **Johnson and Chippet.** Bernard Hepton and David Timson star in Hugh Walpole's short story, "The Talkative Diplomat" as two gentlemen hired to rid a club of its most boring member.†12.55 **Weather.**

1.00 **The World at One: News.**

1.35 *Party Political Broadcast by the* Liberal Party.

1.40 **The Archers** (r). 1.55 **Shipping Forecast.**

2.00 *News; Woman's Hour,* introduced by Sue MacGregor. Guest, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, chairman elect of the National Trust. Serial: *Six Ghos: Stories by H. G. Wells, part* one "The Moth".

3.00 **News. The Afternoon Play:** *The Winged Lions* by Angus Graham-Campbell. *Marilyn and Julie are* bored by their parental holiday in Venice until the arrival of Tom, a young American who changes *everything (r).†*

3.47 **Time for Verse: "The Sting of Comfort". "Living with Animals".†**

4.00 **News.**

4.05 *File on 4. A topical issue (r).*

4.45 **Kaleidoscope** presented by Natalie Wheen (r).

5.00 **PM: News magazine.** 5.50 *Shipping forecast.* 5.55 **Weather.**

6.00 **The Six O'clock News** includes Financial Report.

6.30 **My Music** Steve Race chairs the musical panel game with John Amis, Frank Muir, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden †

7.00 **News.**

7.05 **The Archers.**

7.20 **In Business.** Peter Smith reports on business in Britain.

7.45 **The Reith Lectures 1985.** The last of David Henderson's six talks about the influence of economic *ideas on policy.*

8.15 **You'll Never Be 16 Again.** Youth culture since the war traced in montage documentary form 5: "A *Touch Too Much".*

9.00 **Thirty-Minute Theatre.** *Way Station* by Christopher Pelling †(r).

9.30 **The Enthusiasts.** Alan Smith meets devotees of the television series *Doctor Who.*

9.45 **Kaleidoscope.** Paul Vaughan presents the arts magazine, which includes a review of *The Cherry Orchard* at the Cottesloe.

10.15 **A Book at Bedtime:** *The Aloe* by Katherine Mansfield, read by Kika Markam. 10.29 **Weather.**

10.30 **The World Tonight.**

11.15 **The Financial World Tonight.**

11.30 **Today in Parliament.**

12.00 **News; Weather.** 12.23 **Shipping Forecast.**

VHF (available in England and S. Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. *11.10-12. For Schools: 11.00* Listening to Music 11.40 Encore une etape. 1.55-3.00 pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. *2.00 Deutsches Magazine.* 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems. 5.50-5.55 PM (cont). 12.30-1.10 Schools night-time broadcasting. *Horizons de France:* 12.30 Marseillais/tos. 12.50 Vivre en Bretagne.

Radio 3

6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**

7.05 *Morning Concert: Elgar's Pomp* and Circumstance March No 4 (LPO); Satie's Sonatine bureaucratique: Le Piccadilly (Rogé, *piano*); *Bridge's Three* Idyls (Gabrieli Quartet); d'Indy's Symphony on French mountain song (Ciccolini with Paris Orchestra)† *8.00 News.*

8.05 **Morning Concert (Cont'd):** Albinoni's Concerto in F, Op 9 No 3 (Holliger, oboe/Bourgue, oboe/I Musici); *Chopin's Nocturne in G,* Op 37 No 2 (Rubinstein, piano); Shostakovich's Symphony No 1 (BBC SO)† 9.00 **News.**

9.05 **This Week's Composer: Britten.** American Overture, 1942 (CBSO); Calypso, 1939 (Sarah Walker/Roger Vignoles); Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo (Pears/Britten); Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes (LSO).†

10.00 **Berlin Philharmonic** (under Herbert von Karajan). Rossini's overture The Italian Girl in Algiers; Sibelius's Symphony No 6.†

10.40 **Double-Bass and Piano: Duncan McTier** and Carl Attwood perform Hipman's In the Summer countryside; Fauré's Elegie; *Hertl's Sonata.†*

11.10 **BBC Welsh SO** (under Yazaki). W Jean-Jacques Werner's Capriccio pour orchestre; *Takemitsu's A flock descends* into the pentagonal garden; d'Indy's Jour d'été a la montagne.†

12.15 *Concert Hall: Anne Sophie von* Otter (mezzo, with Pamela Lidiard, piano). Haydn's Mermaid's Song; Despair; *Fidelity; She never told her love;* Nystroem's Pa reveln; Sutts's From the Spoon Riber; Brahms's Zigeunerlieder. † 1.00 **News.**

1.05 **Jelly Roll Morton: Turtle twist.** New Orleans bump, and other recordings. Presented by Charles Fox (4).

1.30 *Matinee Musicale:* **BBC Concert** Orchestra (under Lawrence), with Judith Hall (flute) and Helen Crayford (piano). Humperdinck's overture Hansel and Gretel; Stravinsky's arrangement of Tchaikovsky's Bluebird pas de deux, from Sleeping Beauty; Seiber's Pastorale and Burlesque; Lane's Wassail Dances; Donizetti's Sonata for flute, piano; Mendelssohn's overture Fair Melusine.†

2.20 **In Praise of Purcell:** Instrumental music by Godfrey Finger and Thomas Morgan, and Jeremy Clarke's Ode: Come, come along, Parley of Instruments/Playford Consort/and soloists Argenta, Chance, Daniels and Michael Pearce.†

3.00 *Scotch Snaps: Berlioz's overture* Waverley (SNO); Bruch's Scottish Fantasia (David Oistrakh with LSO); Britten's Scottish Ballad, *Op 26 (Donohoe and Fowke,* pianos.†

4.00 **Choral Evensong: live from** Canterbury Catherdral† 4.55 News.

5.00 **Midweek Choice: Handel's Oboe** Concerto No 1 (Lord with Academy of St Martin-in-Fields); Elgar's *My love dwelt in a* northern land; Weary wind of the west (women's voices of BBC Singers); Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 2 (Gilels/New Philharmonia); Bach's Cantata No 187 (Munich Bach Orchestra and Choir, and soloists including Fischer-Dieskau); Dring's Polka, Italian Dance (Taylor, oboe and James Walker, piano)' Nielsen's Symphony No 2 (Danish RSO).†

7.00 **Bach on Record: Suite No 3,** BWV 1068 (Orchestre de la Société Des Concerts du Conservatoire); Air from Suite No 3, edited by Mahler (New York PO).†(r).

7.30 **Bluey: Arnold Wesker's play,** with Patrick Stewart, Mary Wimbush, Anne Dyson and David Swift in the cast. The story of a High Court judge who retreats to a bleak and rainy Wales, confused by a sense of guilt.†(See choice)

9.00 **Music of Eight Decades: BBC SO** with John Lill (piano). Conductor: Mark Elder. Part one. George Banamin's Ringed by the Flat Horizon; Bartok's *Piano Concerto* No 2.†

9.50 **Six Continents: Foreign radio** broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.

10.00 **Concert: part two. David** Matthews's In the Dark Time; Ives's The Fourth of July.

11.00 **Chamber Music from** Manchester: Nobuko Imai (viola), with Roger Vignoles (piano). Hindemith's Sonata in F, Op 11 No 4; Britten's Elegy for viola; Vieuxtemps's Capriccio for viola; Brahms's Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1.†

11.57 **News.** 12.00 **Closedown.**

Radio 2

News on the hour (except 9.00pm). Headlines at 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks at 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 5.02, 6.45 (MF) only 9.55. 4.00am Colin Berry†. 6.00 Ray Moore†. 8.05 Ken Bruce†. 10.30 Jimmy Young.†. 1.05pm David Jacobs†. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†. 3.30 Music All The Way†. 4.00 David Hamilton† 6.00 John Dunn†. 8.00 Syd Lawrance in Concert†. 8.45 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band)†. 9.15 Listen to the Band. Charlie Chester introduces Camborne Town Band 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Flying Pickets. 10.15 Tom Mennard tells Local Tales. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 Bill Rennells presents Nightride. *Special tribute to Frank Sinatra on his* 70th birthday†. 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music†.

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.32 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). *5.45 Bruno Brookes. at 6.30* the Top 30 albums. 7.30 Janice Long. At 9.00 John Walters's diary. 10.00-12.00 John Peel†. VHF Radios 1/2 4.00am As *Radio 2. 10.00 As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00* As Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Just a Minute. *9.00 News. 9.09 Review of British Press.* 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Brotherhood of Man. 10.00 News. 10.01 Omnibus. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Operatic Encounters. 11.25 A letter From Wales. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 *Hubert Gregg Remembers.* 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Future for the Industrial Past. 3.30 Frank Muir Goes Into. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter from Wales. 5.15 Mixture. 5.30 New Ideas. 5.40 Book Choice. 5.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 9.15 Album Time. *9.45 Recording of the Week. 10.00 News. 10.09 The* World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.20 Just A Minute. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 *Monitor. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British* Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 The Tudors. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.20 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 Wales 9.20am-9.45 Masterteam. 9.45-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Juice. 11.30-12.00 Indoor Bowls: Welsh Brewers Champions All Tournament. 12.00-12.25am The Interview Game. 12.25-12.30 News and weather. Scotland 10.15am-10.30 Gloma Gochd. 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.00-9.05 A Party Political Broadcast (Labour Party in Scotland). Northern Ireland 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 8.35-7.00 Masterteam. 11.55-11.58 News and weather. 11.58-12.00 Song for a Winter's Night. England 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Dwy Cyn Dau. *2.00 Ffalabalam.* 2.15 Interval. 2.30 Snooker. 4.00 A Plus 4. 4.30 Three Stooges. 4.50 Superted. 5.00 Bilidowsar. 5.30 Pob's Programme. *6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Reslo. 7.00* Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Galw I Got. 8.00 Roc 'Rol Te. 8.30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9.05 Film: Trial of Chaplain Jensen. 10.25 *Diverse Reports. 10.55 Individual* Voices. 11.55 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am News, Sesame Street. 10.25 Smurfs. 10.35 Lost Kingdoms. 11.05 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 11.35-12.00 Cop and the Kid. 12.30pm Gardening Time. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Fifty, Fifty. 3.00-3.30 Different Strokes. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 9.25am-10.25 Sesame Street. 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

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ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Cartoon. *10.40 Protectors. 11.05* That's Hollywood. 11.30-12.00 Judi Goes On Holiday. 12.30pm-1.00 Whiskers and Wet Noses. 3.00-3.30 Short Story Theatre. *6.00-6.35 About Anglia.* 12.15am Healing and Wholeness. Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Indian Legends of Canada. 10.50 Bea Short. 11.00-12.00 Knight Rider. 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35 Film: War of the Planets. 3.30-4.00 Short Story Theatre. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 12.15am Late Call. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Sally and Jake. 10.35 Perspectives. 11.05 Wild World of Animals. 11.30 Professor Kitzel. 11.35-12.00 Just our Luck. 12.30pm-1.00 Glenroe. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.00 Three Little Words. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.15am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Folk Tales. 9.50 Captain Scarlet. 10.15 Groovy Ghoulies. 10.35 Comic Stories. 10.40 Time to Time. 11.00-12.00 Sesame Street. 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. 2.00 Who's the Boss? 2.30 Seventeen Plus. *3.00 Adventurer. 3.30-4.00* Young Doctors. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.15am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.25 Fireball XL5. 10.50 Bumbly. 11.10 3-2-1 Contact. 11.40-12.00 *Kum Kum.* 12.30pm Mr Smith. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.00-4.00 Little House on the Prairie. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening, Ulster. *12.15am News,* Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am Unicorn Tales. 9.55 Gulliver. 10.10 European Folk Tales. 10.30 Errol Flynn. 11.20 Foo Foo. 11.30-12.00 Moviemakers. 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20 Calendar. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 3.00-3.30 Regrets? 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.15am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street. 10.30-12.50 Film: Rhodes of Africa (Walter Huston). 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30 Short Story. 2.00-2.30 Problem Page. 3.00 Poor Billy Render. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.15am Company, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am First Thing. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Toytown. *10.35 Struggle Beneath the Sea.* 11.05-12.00 Smoke on – Go: Red Arrows. 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.00-3.30 Nothing but the Best. 6.00-6.35 *North Tonight.* 12.15am New, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time . . . Man. 9.50 Hedgehog. 10.10 Jacksons. 10.35-12.00 Film: Basil Fox* 12.30pm-1.00 Just our Luck. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Tucker's Witch. 3.00-3.30 Recollections. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.15am Film: Quatermass II* 1.45am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As *London except:* starts 9.25am North East News. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.50 The World of James Michener. 11.15 *The Night the Animals Talked.* 11.35-12.00 The British Candid Camera. 12.30-1.00 Regrets. 1.20 North East News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 3.00 That's *My* Boy. 3.25-3.30 North East News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.30-7.00 Crossroads. 10.37 Briefing. 11.20 Snooker. 12.15 An Object Lesson. 12.20 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Around the World with Danny and Lenny. 11.20 Cartoon. 1.30-12.00 Dead in Tune. 12.30pm-1.00 Nothing but the Best. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Duck Factory. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Crossroads. 6.55-7.00 Birell Lagrene. 10.00-10.10 Glass Lady. 12.15am Closedown.

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Kampala on brink of total collapse

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without the requisite inoculations.

The crackle of small arms fire is a nightly accompaniment to dining and sleeping for the people of Kampala.

One story current in Kampala tells of a dog and a goat riding a bicycle through a roadblock where the soldiers find that bullets cannot harm them. "It is taken, the people say, as a sign that the time of the soliders is over," said a Ugandan historian who asked not to be named. "It is the sign of the *gogolimbo*."

Mr Alan Williamson, a British businessman living in Uganda, said that each day for the past week he had seen evidence of the *Gogolimbo* on the road between his home in Ggaba five miles outside Mampala and his shops in the city centre."Once your main concern was avoiding the potholes in the road. Now you are steering round dead bodies."

He added: "I once heard a howl and the mob closed in on someone – I couldn't see who or why. From the middle of the crowd I saw a man's arm tossed up; it whirled in the air and as it fell some of the crowd descended on it again."

Frequent methods of murde: are stoning and burning alive. "There is a definite ritual element to it," a Ugandan civil servant said. "They use huge boulders for the stoning and continue long after the person is dead."

The inhabitants of one suburb, Nokulabye turned on an armed soldier recently because he had gone to steal an old woman's television set. The crowd formed suddenly. He loosed off a few rounds into the air but before he could lower his automatic rifle to take aim the people were on him. Within seconds petrol had been thrown and he was set alight.

The mob then turned on to boys, aged about 15, who it was claimed had led the soldier to the woman's house. All three were burnt alive.

"Often old scores are settled in seconds. Someone will point and shout: 'Him, him, him, – and the next victim is found," the civil servant said.

Soweto police show their paces on parade





Policewomen in Soweto, South Africa, perform weapons drill and a male colleague displays his fitness at a parade. (Photographs: Orde Eliason/Link).

Ministers were in syndicates

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managed by the agents named in Mr Sedgemore's motion; and who could therefore be the victims of possible "scandal".

The official Lloyd's list of underwriting syndicates for 1982 shows that Mr Michael Jopling, then Government Chief Whip and now Minister of Agriculture, was a member of 11 syndicates, three of which were managed by Sedgwick Forbes: Syndicates 48, 137 and 483.

Mr Jopling was Government Chief Whip when the Lloyd's Bill, a piece of private legislation which incorporated the present self-regulatory regime, became law.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales since 1979, was also a member of 11 syndicates in 1981. Two of them were managed by Alexander Howden, numbers 126 and 127, and six by R W Sturge; numbers 206, 207, 210, 212, 293 and 960.

The Secretray of State for Wales was formerly a director of A L Sturge (Holdings) Ltd and A L Sturge (Management) Ltd, which trades at Lloyd's as R W Sturge and Company.

He also declares in the present *Commons Register of Members' Interests* a shareholding of a nominal value greater than 1 per cent of the issued share capital in P A International and Sturge Underwriting Agency Ltd, which is a trading subsidiary of Sturge Holdings.

Mr John Wakeham, the government Chief Whip, was a member of eight syndicates in 1981. Two of them, numbers 65 and 67, were managed by H G Chester, one by Alexander Howden, number 833, and another by Janson Green, number 386.

Another member of the Cabinet at the time, Sir Humphrey Atkins – then Lord Privy Seal until his 1982 Falklands resignation – was a member of eleven syndicates in 1981. Four were managed by Peter Cameron-Webb, four by Sedgwick Forbes and one by WMD. Sir Humphrey is now chairman of the all-party Select Committee on Defence.

Mr Sedgemore's two other motions went into the detail of allegations concerning Janson, Green and R W Sturge.

He called for an investigation into the operation of a reinsurance scheme, Imperial Insurance Company (Cayman Islands) Ltd, "including the role of Sir Peter Green, former chairman of Lloyd's, and the role of the Hogg Robinson Group, the ultimate holding company of Janson, Green Ltd, which had a 20 per cent interest in the Cayman Islands Company."

The motion said that the investigation "should cover the position of R W Sturge and company which until recently had a 31.6 per cent stake, from 1977 to 1983, in Steel Burrill Jones, an insurance broking company which was involved in the Imperial Insurance Company reinsurance scheme of Janson, Green."

Meanwhile Mr Ian Hay Davison, Chief Executive of Lloyd's of London announced yesterday that Lloyd's is prepared to release the confidential papers at the heart of an estimated £70 million fraud involving the Peter Cameron-Webb and Alexander Howden sydicates.

The papers – transcripts of internal disciplinary Proceedings – are now available to the Director of Public Prosecutions "if the DPP requests them", Mr Davison said yesterday.

Universities give pledge to A-level students

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Dr Clive Wake, secretary of the Standing Conference in University Entrance, which includes representatives of all universities, said that they would be as sympathetic as they could. The circumstances of individual candidates would be taken into account.

In its letter to Sir Keith, the association pointed out also the serious effects of the disruption of work habits on pupils.

"The social discipline provided by the schools is no longer being held, and the consequences for the future are frankly alarming," the letter said. Applications by university graduates for teacher training places is 26.5 per cent down this year and the association believes that this is related to disruption in schools.

The association told Sir Keith that it receives anguished letters from parents by almost every post. "The opinion is repeatedly expressed that it is your intention to undermine public confidence in the maintained sector in order to introduce privatization by the back door."

● Parents at a comprehensive school in north London are considering whether to take the Inner London Education Authority (Ilea) to court because of the effect the dispute is having on Hampstead School.

The school is closed for the last two weeks of term to all pupils in years one to four. Teachers have agreed to teach those in the fifth and sixth forms who are taking public examinations.

Parents were meeting last night to consider whether to follow counsel's advice and sue the Ilea for failing to provide education for their children.

Although Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is intervening in the obscene grafitti dispute at Poundswick High School, Manchester, by writing a letter to the chief education officer, he has decided he has no powers in law to intervene in this case.

● Members of the National Union of Teachers in Hereford and Worcester have been told that they should no longer co-operate in entering pupils for O and A level and CSE examinations (Craig Seton writes).

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Letter from Manila

Marcos launches his gravy-train

To the many and chronic ailments afflicting the Filipino body politic, election fever has now been added. The patient has succumbed: it looks like being a long and serious bout.

And expensive, too. When they are not guessing the opposition's chances of ousting the wily President Marcos, *Aficionados* of politics (which means just about everybody in Manila) are calculating just how much the poll set for February 7 is going to cost.

Estimates range up to a staggering 20 billion pesos (about £80 million), which would drive up inflation and could drive down the peso to about 30 to the dollar – that is, by more than 60 per cent. Less apocalyptic business sources put the bill at nearer five billion pesos, but concede that inflation could more than double to 25 per cent.

Of the grand total, only about 300 million pesos (£12 million) would be the direct cost of the poll organized by the electoral commission, Comelec. The rest would be spent by the political parties – particularly the President's own KBL (New Society) party – the big industrialists and landowners, and on the policing of the election.

The President himself has set a cracking pace in expenditure, promising millions of pesos to typhoon victims, to the rice farmers, to electricity co-operatives, and those on the waiting list for new homes. That was in his first campaign speech. Then came a pledge to extend Manila's light rail transit system to Quezon City and the Pacific coast, and support for a typewriter factory in the capital.

There will be many more promises, though the old hands here doubt whether many will actually be honoured. Even so, the Opposition cannot match the Marcos armoured gravy-carrier either in hard cash or pledges. Some of them may benefit from discreet United States funding, channelled through the banks, if the salon gossip is to be believed.

Short on funds, the Opposition will be thrown back on the presumed (rather than proven) unpopularity of the President – whose nine years of martial law to 1981 are not forgotten – and the vote-catching charisma of their candidates. It does not, at this stage, look like a winning combination.

Opposition presidential candidate, Salvador "Doi" Laurel, aged 55, a one-time KBL politician, argues that if the Opposition can unite, it will win.

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Yet, such is the potency of elections, that some elements in the Opposition are already bidding for Cabinet portfolios. Stocky, close-cropped Homobono Adaza, MP for the southern-based Mindanao Alliance has got his sights on the Defence Ministry. Trade union leader Rolando Clalia is tipped for the Labour Department, and young Lean Alejandro of the radical coalition Bayan, is "eyed" for Youth and Sport.

By refusing to resign before polling day (he has submitted a post-dated letter of resignation only effective if he loses), Mr Marcos has triggered a bitter constitutional wrangle that may end in the Supreme Court. Should that august body, which is not insensitive to the wishes of the Malacanang, declare the election null and void, the President will simply smile and say: "I wanted an election but the Opposition prevented it". He would then simply proceed to a "Yes/No" referendum on his record to buttress his credibility, particularly in his dealings with the US Government.

And, finally, there are those who see the whole business as nothing more than a diversion from the nation's economic crisis and the long-running scandal of "ill-gotten wealth" touching the President, his family and close political associates.

Oswaldo Carbonell, publisher-editor of *Hotline*, a rabidly anti-Marcos tabloid, who lived on bottled water for a month, said: "I don't believe a credible election is possible from such a leader who has usurped the Presidency."

Paul Routledge

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the new Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London, NW9, 3.

The Prince of Wales receives members of the Australian Schoolboys' Rugby Union Touring Team, Kensington Palace, 12 noon.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, The National Rubella Council, visits the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent, 2.25.

Princess Margaret, as President, visits the headquarters of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, 126 Buckingham Palace Rd, SW1, 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester visits Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon, 10.45; and later presents the Croydon Design Awards 1985, Fairfield Halls, Croydon, 12.10.

Exhibitions in progress

In their Circumstances – British portrait work of the last 25 years; Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate; Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (ends Jan 4).

Oils, watercolours, etchings and ceramics chosen from summer shows in London and the provinces; Scott Lauder Gallery, 6 Bell Parade, Glebe Way, West Wickham, Bromley, Kent; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30 (ends Dec 14).

Tolly Cobbold Eastern Arts; Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 2.30 to 5.30 (ends Jan 12).

Work by local artists; Castle Museum, Nottingham; Mon to Sun 10 to 4.45 (ends Jan 12).

Hollywood Has Beens – original American movie posters; Art and Research Exchange, 22 Lombard St, Belfast; Tues to Sat 12 noon to 5.30 (ends Dec 24).

Summer Travels; Sladebrook House, 222 Englishcombe Lane, Bath; Mon to Sun 10 to 6 (ends Dec 15).

The Anderson Collection of Art Nouveau; The Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 5).

Paintings and prints by John Tennent and Keith Rennison; Dorset County Museum, High St, Dorchester; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5 (ends Jan 25).

Tapestries from the Kingdom of Lesotho, Bhownagree Gallery, Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High St, W8 (ends Dec 30).

Hollywood Has Beens – original American movie posters 1930s to 1950s, Art and Research Exchange, 22 Lombard Street, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30, closed Sun and Mon (ends Dec 24).

Paintings by John Morrow, Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, the King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun (ends Jan 11, 1986).

Christmas exhibitions and sale of crafts, paintings and sculptures, Alpha Gallery, Burton Cottage Farm, East Cor, Yeovil; Wed to Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun, Mand Tues (ends Dec 21).

Designs for Dance – work by Charles Spencer, Havant Museum, East Street, Havant; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (ends Jan 4, 1986).

Designer Knitwear for Christmas, Chagford Galleries, 20 The Square, Chagford, Devon; Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and 2.30 to 5.30, closed Sun (ends Jan 4, 1986).

Music

Recital by the Norwegian Broadcasting Boys' Choir, 12; Geoffrey Chaucer School Carol Service, 7.30; Canterbury Cathedral.

King's School Junior Carol Service; Rochester Cathedral, 2.30.

Concert by Vox Antiqua; The Guildhall, Leicester, 8.

Concert by the University Orchestra; Sir Jack Lyons Concert Hall, York University, 8.

Carols by Candlelight by the Cathedral Choir; Bristol Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by the Gagnepain Duo; Concert Hall, Glasgow University, 8.

Concert by Colchester High School for Girls; Large Common Room, Essex University, Colchester, 1.

Christmas concert by the Cardiff Polyphonic Choir; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Wessex Hall, Poole, 7.30.

Carol concert by the University of Ulster Orchestra and Chamber Choir; The Diamond, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, 8.

Talks, lectures

Rediscovering the truth about the Holy Spirit and the Church, by the Rt Rev David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham; Wearmouth Hall, Sunderland Polytechnic, Chester Rd, 7.30.

Christmas post

To help cope with Christmas mail, the Post Office has laid on extra collection and deliveries during the period leading up to Christmas. These include a collection on Sunday, December 22 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. There will be an extra collection in Scotland on Sunday, December 22.

Recommended last posting dates are Tuesday, December 17, for second class letters and parcels, and Thursday, December 19, for first class letters.

The Post Office urges customers to post their cards by the recommended posting dates and, with mechanisation now geared up to play a full part in mail handling, it is more important than ever to use your postcode.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A History of Gonville and Caius College, by Christopher Brooke (Boydell & Brewer, £19.50).
Johann Sebastian Bach, by Werner Felix (Orbis, £15).
Liberty and Poetics in Eighteenth Century England, by Michael Meehan (Croom Helm, £17.95).
Rewriting English, Cultural Politics of Gender and Class, by Janet Batsleer, Tony Davies, Rebecca O'Rourke, and Chris Weedon (Methuen, £10.95).
Shakespeare's Characters, A Who's Who of Shakespeare, by Kenneth McLeish (Longman, £10.95).
Solzhenitsyn in Exile, Critical Essays and Documentary Materials, edited by John B. Dunlop (Hoover Institution Press, £17.85).
Stride: The Music of Fats Waller, by Paul S. Machlin (Macmillan, £17.50).
The Admiral's Cup, by Bob Fisher (Pelham Books, £15.95).
The Human Predicament in Hardy's Novels, by Jagdish Chandra Dave (Macmillan, £22.50).
World of Secrets, The Uses and Limits of Intelligence, by Walter Laqueur (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25). PH

Roads

The Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junctions 2 (A4123 Dudley and Birmingham W) and 3 (A456 Halesowen and Birmingham W). M5: Widening work between junctions 4 (A38 Bromsgrove) and 5 (A38 Droitwich); lanes closed both ways; only one lane northbound and no northbound access at junction 5; expect long delays; 50mph speed limit.

Wales and West: M5: Hard shoulder and one lane closed southbound at junction 10 (Cheltenham), Gloucestershire. A30: Lane closures on Launceston bypass. A5: Roadworks in Corwen town centre, Clwyd; temporary traffic lights.

The North: M63/M62/M602 – Eccles interchange, Greater Manchester: Lane restrictions N of Barton Bridge in preparation for widening of M63 two lane section. A1: Roadworks on A645 junction, Ferrybridge, NE of Pontefract; lane closures on northbound carriageway. A6120: Severe delays at peak hours on Leeds outer ring road, at Tongue Lane junction.

Scotland: A74: Northbound outside lane closed at Lesmahagow for construction work, Lanarkshire. A74 – City of Glasgow: Inside lanes closed eastbound on Hamilton Rd due to British Telecom work just near the junction of Bearsden Rd. A9: Single line traffic at Killiecrankie with temporary lights due to patching work.

Information supplied by the AA

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on *Opposition motion on housing* and urban deprivation.

Lords (2.30): Debates on Liverpool and on higher education.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

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The papers

The Star, commenting on the decision by Nalgo social services staff in Brent not to take strike action over the dismissal of two social workers following the Jasmine Beckford inquiry, says: "Quite rightly they are demanding full and quick implementation of the recommendations of Mr Louis Blom-Cooper's excellent report. They also want the training requirements for social workers to be much more precisely defined." It adds: "This is a job not just for Brent Council – or for any other local authority. National Government has to take the lead." The paper says: "And the most imaginative and practical first step would be the creation of a minister for children – a post that exists in almost every other Western nation."

The New York Times, commenting on the decision by Opec to "abandon its struggle to prop up oil prices", says: "If importing nations, notably the United States, pass on the entire price reduction at the gasoline pump, consumption will drift upward and hasten Opec's resurgence. But if Americans use the opportunity to tax away the windfall, they would preserve the incentives for conservation and push the cartel threat farther into the future." The paper adds: "Opec's demise is a hard-won gain. It should not be squandered."

Anniversaries

Births: Sir David Brewster, physicist, Jedburgh, 1781; Hector Berlioz, *La Côte-Saint-André*, 1803; Alfred de Musset, poet, Paris, 1810; Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Clausthal, Germany, 1843.

Deaths: Llywelyn AB Greffydd, Prince of Wales, slain, Builth, Powys, 1282; Olive Schreiner, novelist, author of *The Story of an African Farm*, Cape Town, 1920; James II fled England 1688. Abdication of Edward VIII and accession of George VI, 1936.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.65
Austria Sch	26.55	25.25
Belgium Fr	77.20	73.40
Canada $	2.075	1.985
Denmark Kr	13.70	13.00
Finland Mrk	8.30	7.80
France Fr	11.50	10.85
Germany Dm	3.77	3.59
Greece Dr	260.00	250.00
Hong Kong $	11.50	11.00
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17
Italy Lire	2570.00	2440.00
Japan Yen	308.00	290.00
Netherlands Gld	4.345	4.045
Norway Kr	11.49	10.94
Portugal Esc	241.00	228.00
South Africa Rd	4.15	3.70
Spain Pta	233.00	221.00
Sweden Kr	11.52	10.87
Switzerland Fr	3.16	3.00
USA $	1.39	1.43
Yugoslavia Dnr	$40.00	$36.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.

London: The *FT* index closed up 0.3 at 1118.7.

Weather forecast

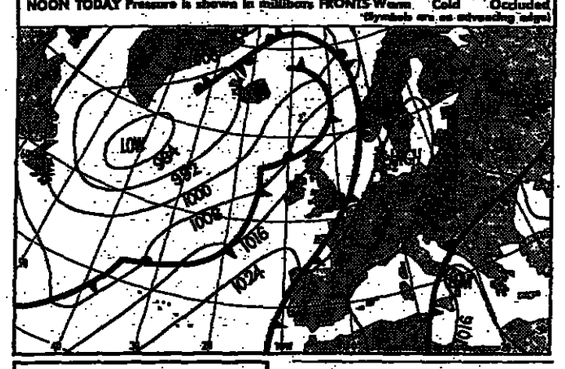
A week frontal trough will persist over SE Britain whilst further troughs cross N Britain.

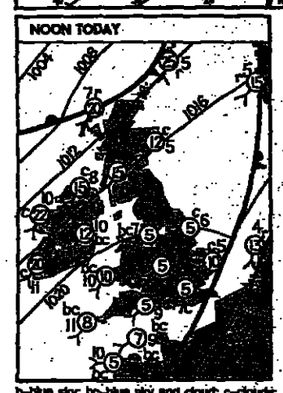
6am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Cloudy, intermittent rain or drizzle, becoming drier; wind light and variable; max temp 8C (46F).
Midlands, E, SW, central N England, S Wales: Dry, sunny intervals; wind light and variable; max temp 10C (50F).
N Wales, NW, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders: Dry, sunny intervals; wind SW moderate; max temp 8C (46F).
Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Dry, sunny intervals, isolated showers later; wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 8C (46F).
SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers, snow on high ground, sunny intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 8C (46F).
NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Dry at first, showers later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7C (44F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry in the S, further rain in the N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind SW fresh or strong; occasional rain; visibility moderate with fog patches clearing later; sea moderate. **English Channel, St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind W to SW moderate; showers; visibility mainly good; sea slight.

Sun rises: 7.56 am. Sun sets: 3.52 pm
Moon rises: 7.29 am. Moon sets: 2.58 pm
New moon tommorow.





High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.36	6.9	12.52	6.9
Aberdeen			12.25	4.2
Avonmouth	6.11	13.1	6.34	13.2
Belfast	8.57	3.5	10.17	3.7
Cardiff	5.55	12.1	6.19	12.2
Devonport	4.45	5.6	5.10	6.5
Dover	9.48	6.8	10.21	6.5
Falmouth	4.13	5.3	4.40	5.3
Glasgow	11.57	4.6		
Harwich	10.44	3.8	11.16	3.8
Holyhead	8.12	5.6	8.34	5.7
Hull	4.59	7.4	5.36	7.3
Ilfracombe	4.48	10.0	5.12	9.2
Leith	1.08	6.6	1.38	6.5
Liverpool	10.10	9.4	10.33	9.5
Lowestoft	8.13	2.5	8.53	2.4
Margate	10.38	4.7	11.20	4.7
Milford Haven	5.05	6.9	5.30	7.1
Newquay	3.57	7.0	4.21	7.1
Oban	4.47	3.9	5.03	4.1
Penzance	3.43	5.5	4.08	5.5
Portland	5.59	2.2	6.23	2.2
Portsmouth	10.18	4.9	10.47	4.7
Shoreham	10.00	6.3	10.29	6.2
Southampton	9.45	4.8	10.13	4.5
Swansea	5.15	9.6	5.37	9.6
Tilbury	2.26	5.5	2.54	5.5
Walton-on-Naze	10.39	4.1	11.09	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.28059.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F
EAST COAST					Ilfracombe	–	.08	10	50 Drizzle
Scarboro	–	–	2	36 Fog	Tenby	–	.78	10	50 Rain
Bridlington	–	–	3	37 Fog	Colwyn Bay	–	.12	9	48 Rain pm
Cromer	–	.02	3	37 Fog	Liverpool	–	.05	8	41 Showers
Lowestoft	–	–	3	37 Fog	Morecambe	–	.17	8	43 Rain
Clacton	0.1	–	5	41 Cloudy	Douglas	–	.84	8	46 Rain
Margate	–	–	8	46 Bright	ENGLAND AND WALES				
SOUTH COAST					London (Cen)	0.1	–	7	45 Bright
Folkestone	1.5	–	9	48 Bright pm	Wham (Airp)	–	.02	6	43 Rain pm
Hastings	0.7	–	9	48 Bright	Bristol (Cen)	–	.02	9	48 Rain
Eastbourne	–	–			Cardiff (Cen)	–	.15	9	48 Rain
Brighton	1.9	–	9	48 Bright am	Aughton	–	.22	9	48 Rain
Worthing	0.8	–	10	50 Cloudy	Bryland (Airp)	–	.13	9	41 Rain
Littlehmpton	0.5	–	10	50 Cloudy	Manchester	–	.11	7	45 Rain pm
Bognor R	0.5	–	10	50 Bright am	Nottingham	–	.01	4	39 Rain pm
Southsea	–	.01	10	50 Cloudy	H'cli-s-Tyne	–	.02	2	36 Rain pm
Sandown	0.2	.07	10	50 Dull	Carlisle	0.1	.07	6	43 Rain pm
Shanklin	0.4	.09	10	50 Cloudy					
Bournemouth	–	.04	10	50 Rain					
Poole	–	.02	10	50 Rain					
Swanage	–	.01	10	50 Drizzle					
Weymouth	–	.04	10	50 Dull					
Exmouth	–	.10	10	50 Rain					
Teignmouth	–	.15	10	50 Rain					
Torquay	–	.18	11	52 Rain					
Falmouth	–	.01	11	52 Rain					
Penzance	–	.39	11	52 Rain					
Jersey	0.1	.04	9	48 Rain pm					
Guernsey	–	.09	10	50 Showers					
WEST COAST					Edinburgh	–	.08	5	37 Rain pm
Scilly Isles	0.1	.25	11	52 Cloudy	NORTHERN IRELAND				
Newquay	–	.08	11	52 Rain	Belfast	–	.18	8	46 Rain am

Yesterday

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Birmingham	c 3	37	Inverness	fg –4	25
Blackpool	r 4	39	Jersey	c 8	46
Bristol	r 6	43	London	f 4	39
Cardiff	r 6	43	Manchester	f 6	43
Edinburgh	f –0	32	Newcastle	c –1	30
Glasgow	r 2	36	Ronaldsway	r 7	45

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Abroad

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	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Cologne	f	6	43	Majorca	s	16	61	Rome	r	12	54
Alicante	s	21	70	Copenhagen	c	5	41	Malaga	s	15	59	Salzburg	r	4	39
Alexandria	s	24	75	Corfu	r	16	61	Malta	s	20	68	Sao Paulo*	s	31	88
Algiers*	c	15	59	Dublin	c	9	48	Melbourne	c	20*	68	S'Francisco*	s	11	52
Amsterdam	r	6	43	Dubrovnik	f	16	61	Mexico C*	s	18	64	Santiago*	s	29	84
Athens	r	15	59	Faro	c	14	57	Miami	d	27	81	Seoul	s	0	32
Bahrain	s	21	70	Florence	f	13	55	Milan	f	8	46	Singapore	r	25	77
Barbados*	f	28	82	Funchal	s	18	64	Montreal*	c	–3	27	Stockholm	s	–13	9
Barcelona	s	11	52	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Moscow	c	–7	19	Strasbourg	s	8	46
Beirut	r	22	72	Geneva	f	8	46	Munich	c	–3	27	Sydney	f	23	73
Belgrade	c	12	54	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier			
Berlin	c	7	45	Helsinki	c	–3	27	Naples	f	13	55	Tel Aviv	s	25	77
Bermuda*	f	23	73	Hong Kong	f	19	66	New Delhi	s	17	63	Tenerife*	c	20	68
Biarritz	s	11	52	Innsbruck	r	3	37	New York*	c	9	48	Tokyo	s	8	46
Bologna	c	6	43	Istanbul	f	10	50	Nice	c	12	54	Toronto	sn	–1	30
Bordeaux	fg	4	39	Jakarta	s	32	90	Oslo	c	–11	12	Tunis	f	16	61
Brussels	s	5	41	Jo'burg*	f	22	72	Paris	fg	8	47	Valencia	s	15	59
Budapest	c	5	41	Kuwait	s	23	73	Perth*	s	25	77	Vancouver*	fg	6	43
Buen Aires*	s	26	79	Las Palmas	c	20	68	Prague	r	3	37	Venice	f	4	39
Cairo	s	21	70	Lisbon	c	10	50	Reykjavik	c	–1	30	Vienna	f	4	39
Cape Tn	f	22	72	Locarno	r	8	46	Rio de J*	s	29	84	Warsaw	sn	–1	30
Chicago*	c	–1	30	Los Angeles*	s	14	57	Rhodes	s	19	66	Washington*	c	11	52
Colombo	s	31	88	Luxembourg	r	4	39	Salzburg	r	4	39	Wellington*	s	20	68
Cr'church*	c	17	63	Madrid	f	3	37	San Sebast	s	27	81	Zurich	c	5	41

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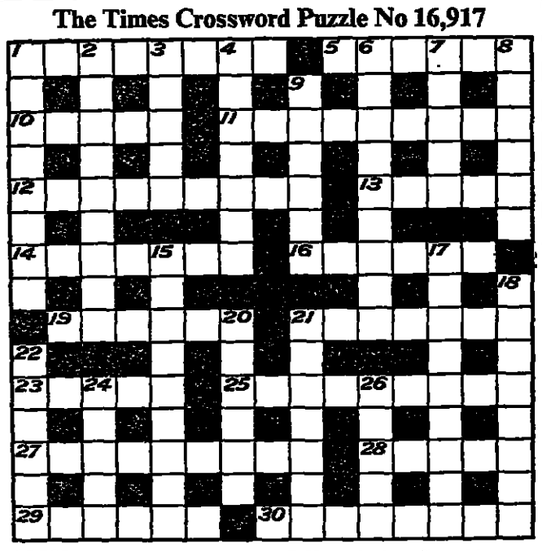
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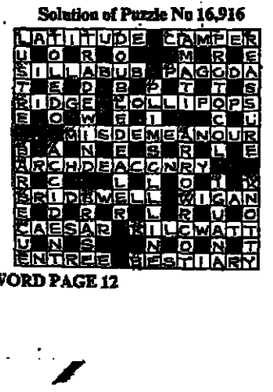
ACROSS

1 Passing time day to day (8).
5 Sounds like a joker freed from attention (2,4).
10 French city girl (5).
11 Book boats to view some mountains (9).
12 Immovable principles in some courts (9).
13 First victim to East Poplar (5).
14 Futile way to economize (7).
16 Course shows where to find tee? (6).
19 Bowman's love is kept in mind (6).
21 Left net smash to prodigy (7).
23 She and her mother are from Neptune's Kingdom (5).
25 Underground ventilator? (9).
27 Surely oldest bus needs reconditioning? (9).
28 Geneva guest not wholly dim (5).
29 Preservative put in colour to slow down the action (6).
30 Carriage becoming William IV? (8).

DOWN

1 In splitting up atom you are so to speak creating a monster (8).
2 Guard seen changing overalls (9).
3 Half Piccadilly in chaos – the work of a linesman (5).
4 Capital cigars (7).
6 One who can adjudicate between Indians and Chinese (3-6).
7 Home is the sailor with a song (5).
8 Four-day holiday controlled by notional satellite (6).
9 Sheila ordered to make a profit we hear (6).
15 Subterranean flight controller? (9).
17 Regard one as sort of music-maker (4-5).
18 Impulsive action of many impressed the point (8).
20 Eastern loch side, perhaps (6).
21 Country girl not quite up to examination (7).
22 Spinner gives potter a rest (6).
24 Kind of education Peter Pan could never have (5).
26 Deliver, remove and remain suspended (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,916



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